

NEWS

Outlook for Forest Dunes looks promising under new ownership

With a new owner and management team in place, the Forest Dunes Golf Club is ready to take another swing at economic viability and boosting local tourism dollars.

The South Branch Township Planning Commissioners recently approved changes for the planned unit development at Forest Dunes.

One of the main changes approved by planners was construction of a two-story, 22-room hotel. The hotel, which is estimated to cost \$1.2 million to \$2 million, will be built next to the Forest Dunes Clubhouse, said Todd Campbell, the general manager for Forest Dunes. **Page 11A**

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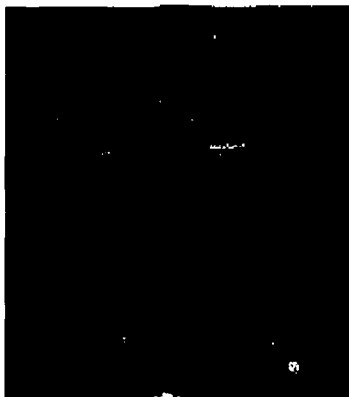
Winter sports teams combine for 3 playoff wins, 3 state qualifiers



This year's winter sports teams at Grayling High School – a group of programs that included boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, and skiing (boys and girls) – combined for three playoff wins, one district championship, and three state qualifiers.

The boys basketball program, which had three teams this year (varsity, junior varsity, freshman), posted a combined win-loss record of 50-9. **Page 1B**

New tennis coach expects team to be strong this year



The GHS varsity girls tennis team has several players back from last year, including all three of its top singles players, and the squad's new coach, Mark Sloan, an assistant from last year's team, expects the program to have a successful 2012 season.

"We're a good, strong team," Coach Sloan said. "We're competitive in the conference."

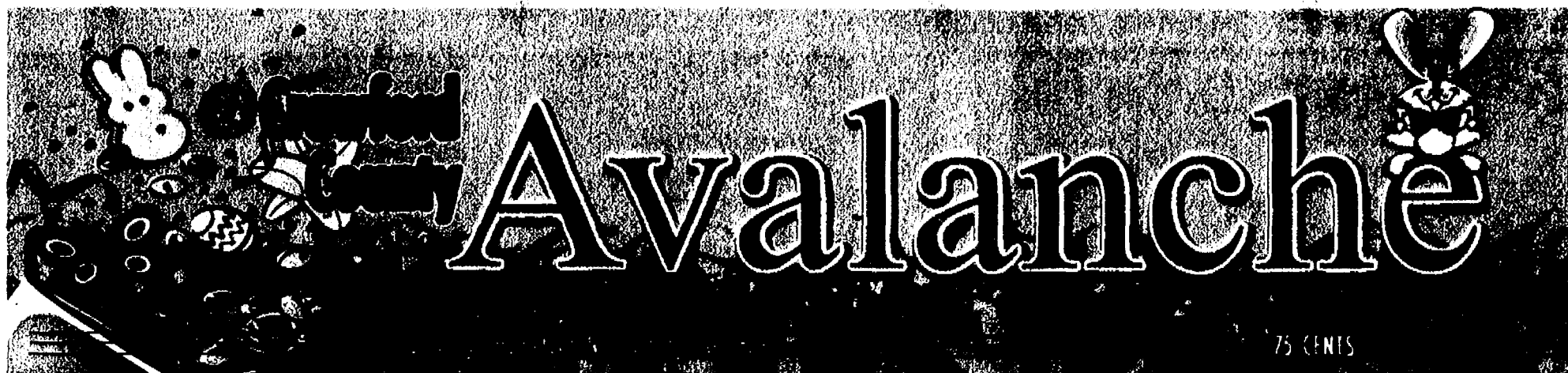
The squad's overall numbers are solid with 19 players. It takes 12 girls to field a full group for a meet (four singles, eight doubles). **Page 10B**

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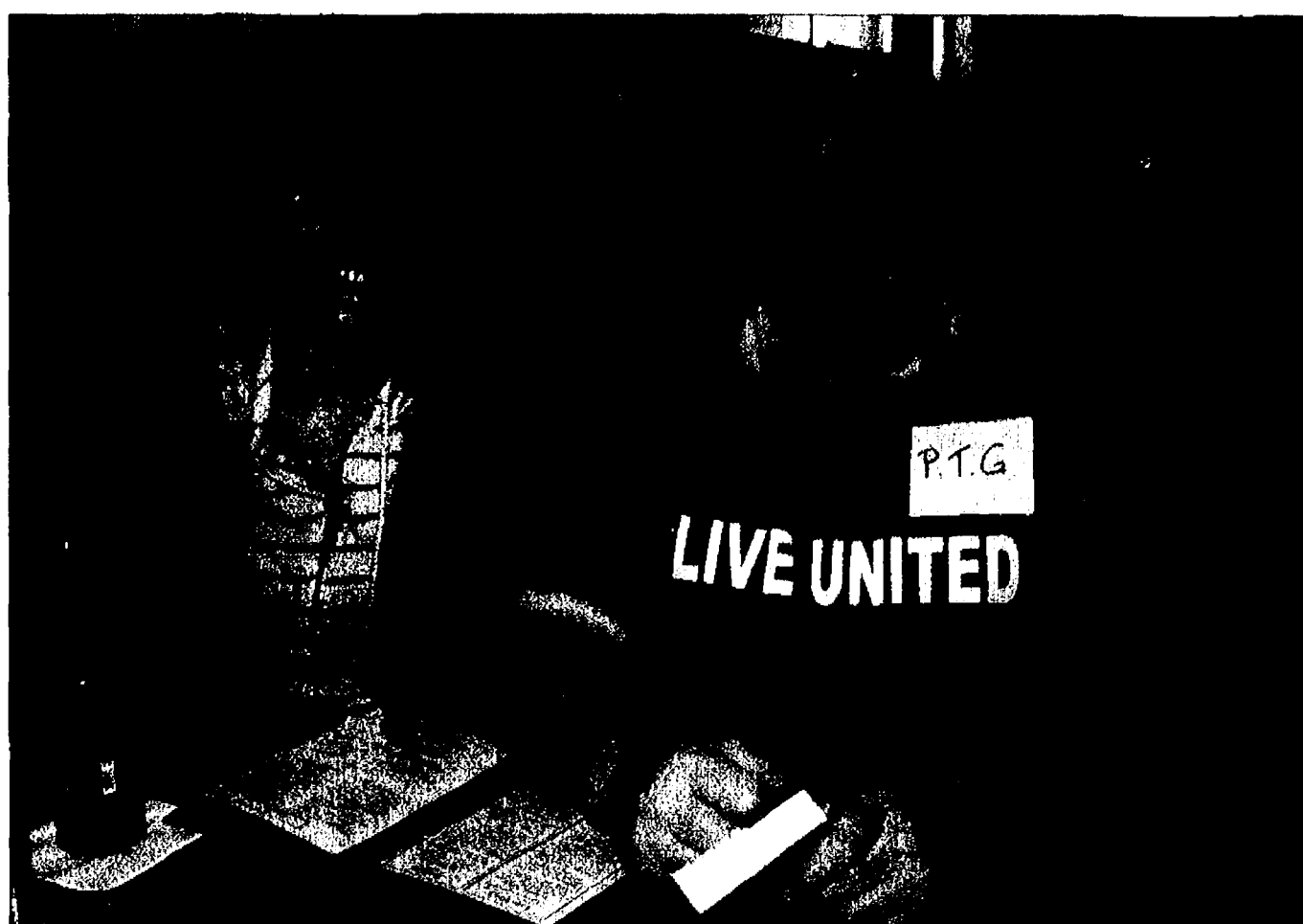
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Celebrity Servers dish up burgers and brews

The Crawford County United Way campaign gathered \$1,320 dollars at its Last Blast Celebrity Server Night held at Spike's Keg O' Nails. Funds were garnered from tips and 10 percent of food sales during the evening. The event was the "Last Blast" before the Crawford County Board allocates funds to local charities and organizations for 2012, said Cheryll Ruley, the executive director for the Crawford County United Way. Celebrity servers included Jeremy Bowers, a co-owner of Spike's Keg O' Nails, Jeff Gardner, an owner of the Old AuSable Fly Shop, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield, who served as host and doorman, Bonnie Brewer, who is involved in a number of local school activities, Traci Cook, executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Pete "The Greek" Kocefas, the owner of Sledheads of Frederic, and Chad Patterson, creative director for the Acting Up Theatre Company. Above, Kocefas is pictured providing some one-on-one celebrity service to Jamie Zelek.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Weather, staffing fuel forest fire fears

by Jon Gaskell

Capital News Service

LANSING – Michigan can expect more wildfires this year, officials warn.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is predicting a greater number of forest fires and more acres burned as a result of an unusually warm winter.

To make matters worse, long-term shrinking of firefighting resources has reduced the state's capacity to quell blazes, according to DNR Director Rodney Stokes.

DNR fire supervisor Scott Heather said Michigan is already seeing blazes much earlier than usual.

"Usually for the Lower Peninsula, the season for fires begins around the third week of March," Heather said. "This year, the season started at the beginning of March."

"For the Upper Peninsula, fire season usually begins in early April but we've been seeing fires there already."

So far in 2012, DNR fire officers have responded to 37 wildfires that burned a total of 120 acres. At this point last year, no fires had occurred.

Heather said the risk of wildfire is exacerbated by this winter's lack of snowfall. Without heavy snows to pack them down, tall grasses that fuel fires are primed to ignite.

"These grasses are higher than usual and more exposed than usual," Heather said. "The more surface area and the more oxygen that gets in there, the greater chance that a spark could start a serious fire."

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Family attempts to rear arctic grayling in lake located near Clare

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Area residents seeking a "staycation" have an opportunity to learn about a family's efforts to restock arctic grayling in Michigan and honor those who have spearheaded conservation and fly fishing.

The owners of Brookhaven Lake, located about 45 minutes from Grayling just west of Clare, aim to show fly fishers and youth how fishing was in Michigan 142 years ago.

The lake is owned by Michael Johnson and his father Jeff Johnson, who is caretaker for the property.

Michael used money he inherited from his grandfather, George Johnson, who was a homicide detective for the Royal Oak Police Department, to buy the 40 acres of property where the lake is located.

As a youth, Johnson and his family traveled to Grayling for the fly fishing season. They had a lucky tradition of eating breakfast and dinner

at the Grayling Restaurant. It was there where George planted the seed to attempt to bring the arctic grayling back to Michigan as well as superb opportunities to fly fish for brook trout.

"It's a sad state of affairs when the only place a guy can see a grayling in Michigan is a stuffed one hanging on a restaurant wall," Michael recalled his grandfather saying.

In the 1870's the AuSable River became a destination for fisherman

worldwide. Trains packed with fisherman would arrive in Grayling, each hoping to spend a week or so along the river. The grayling was renowned both for its beauty and for its voracious appetite. Long leaders with three and even four flies were attached to a line, and often yielded three and even four fish per cast. The number of fish caught and kept was extraordinary, often upwards of 100 fish, per person, per day.

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Above, the first arctic grayling were introduced into Brookhaven Lake last fall.

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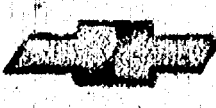



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Above, the lake has over 20 flowing cold springs feeding into it from the shoreline.

Family attempts to rear arctic grayling in lake located near Clare

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The grayling were eaten, packed in ice, loaded onto railway cars and shipped by the thousands of tons per year to large markets in the big cities. In some instances, they were tossed on the banks and buried in mounds.

At the same time, the lumbermen came and cut down centuries-old growth of virgin white pine. The land leading to the rivers was stripped as well, slashed and burned, and the logs were floated downstream to the large mills and cities during the spring run-off. The rivers were cleared of logs and debris, places where the grayling flourished. Shallow riffles were trenched out and deepened, and dams were built so that the flow of the river could be better controlled. Vegetation on the banks of the rivers was cleared as well, and the river slowly filled with sand. The sand filled the deepest pools and covered the grayling's spawning beds.

The grayling's eggs stuck to the rocks in the river. Spawning in the spring, their eggs hatched in just two weeks.

Their fry are very small, approximately one-fourth of an inch in size and they were not good swimmers at this stage, making them vulnerable to springtime flooding conditions.

The grayling also strug-

gled to coexist with trout, as they were introduced into the AuSable River.

"It's like a caviar meal to go and take them off the rocks," Jeff said. "It wasn't just logging that did them in."

By 1885, the grayling had disappeared from the AuSable River. Over a period of 10 to 20 years, a land unrivaled for its fishing and beauty, became a barren wasteland of stumps and empty pools.

The last known grayling was caught in Michigan in 1935 in the Upper Peninsula's Otter River.

The State of Michigan stocked 145,000 yearling arctic grayling into 13 inland lakes and seven streams in northern Michigan between 1987 and 1991. Eggs were taken from sources in Wyoming and the Northwest Territories of Canada, where wild grayling still exist. Good survival until age 5 occurred in only one lake, which was closed to fishing, patrolled to detect poachers and held only a few brook trout. Most of the grayling planted in the rivers disappeared within six months. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources chose to discontinue their attempts at stocking grayling in Michigan.

Recalling the plight of the Grayling, George Johnson used to say, "Even God can't change the past."

After George Johnson passed away in 2010 at the age of 71, his family started pursuing water where grayling could be reintroduced.

"Looking back, it was our family's way of staying generationally connected to one another," Michael said.

The family eyed several possibilities in the Upper Peninsula, but that present-

ed a challenge of finding someone to oversee operations.

One of the major obstacles of re-establishing grayling was finding a small lake that would stay cold enough even on hot summer days. Grayling are stressed at a temperature of 63 degrees and die at 73 degrees.

After a year and a half search, the Johnsons found the lake property located near Clare.

The lake has over 20 flowing cold springs feeding into it from the shoreline.

"The glaciers had sculpted it out," Jeff said. "It was beautiful water, shaped like a perfect crater."

The Johnsons had two college students catch and net the exiting fish that were in the lake. They did not want to treat to lake with chemicals to keep the food chain of insects and crawfish intact.

The lake was also stocked with Lake Nipigon brook trout from Canada.

The Johnsons started with 30,000 arctic grayling eggs, which were kept at a fish hatchery. Only 1,500 of the grayling hatched and survived.

The first grayling were introduced into Brookhaven Lake last fall. The Johnsons plan to plant 500 more grayling in the lake this year, in the spring and fall months when cooler temperatures prevail.

"They are kept under scientific, pristine conditions so we are concerned as we are releasing them into the lake," Jeff said. "We're doing this as private citizens. We don't have millions of dollars like the government has to do these projects."

Jeff said the grayling's transparent colorations of violet, silver and red are truly a sight to witness.

"I can't imagine a more graceful fish," he said. "Their colors remind me of a peacock in full plume."

Fishing outings on the lake can be booked for a day or a half day. On other days, the lake is made available to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth groups at no cost to introduce them to fly fishing and conservation.

"We made it our main goal to invite and encourage up to 400 kids a year to try fly fishing, hoping to hook them for life," Jeff said.

A nature trail, which travels through hardwood and cedar forests, a wetlands area and a trout stream, is on the property for families to hike.

Custom wooden memorial signs, listing the names of people who have made a difference in Michigan's fly fishing heritage, have been placed on the trail.

The trail plays homage to figures who have played a critical role in promoting and preserving the AuSable River such as Chief David Shoppenagon and Rube Babbitt, the first conservation officer in northern Michigan who was credited for planting brook trout in the AuSable River. George Mason and George Griffith, who founded Trout Unlimited on the banks for the AuSable River, and William B. Mershon, a conservationist and author of the book "Recollections of My 50 Years of Hunting and Fishing" which is widely read to outdoorsmen, are also recognized.

Michigan Supreme Court Justice John Voelker, who wrote "Trout Magic" and "Trout Madness" under the pen name Robert Traver, is honored on the nature trail.

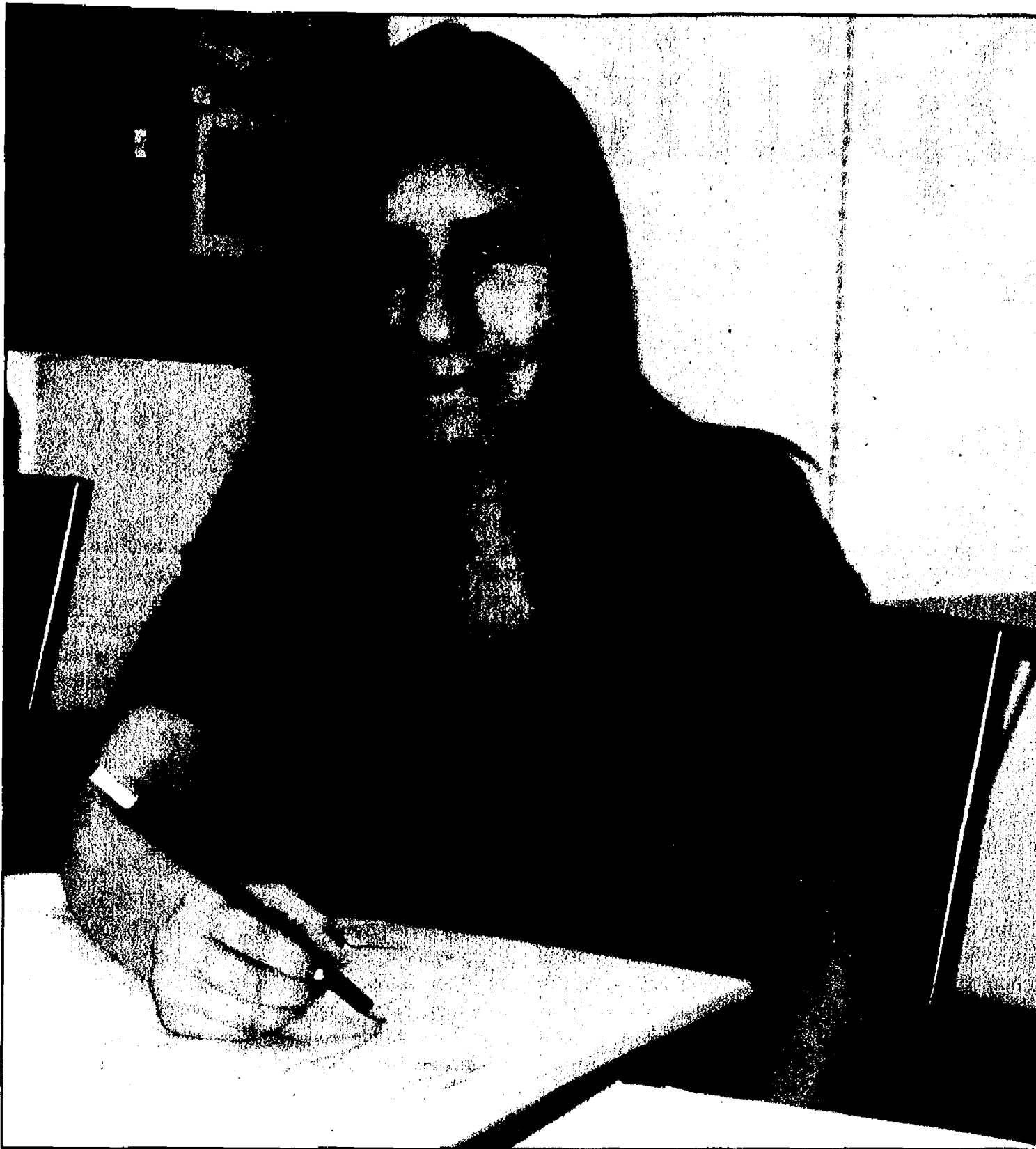
More modern figures, including Calvin Gates Sr., an Osceola High School band teacher and musician who ran the Gates AuSable Lodge from 1970 to 1983, and his son, Calvin "Rusty" Gates Jr., who founded the conservation group Anglers of the AuSable, are also recognized.

"Our goal is to create a quiet place to honor our own, the people who took a stand to protect our rivers from exploitation, the writers who penned classic fishing stories that we all enjoy reading during Michigan's long winters and honoring some who just lived and breathed fly fishing," Michael said.

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STUDENTS START SPRING BREAK WITH ART LESSONS

The AuSable Artisan Village is offering after school enrichment classes for students that are age 12 and older at its art center in downtown Grayling. Last week, Chris White, of Lovells, who is teaching the art lesson to youth, focused on drawing faces. Above, Maggie Warren, of Frederic, is pictured drawing in the class.

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Weather, staffing fuel forest fire fears

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But grasses aren't the only source of fuel experts worry about.

Late-winter storms left forest floors covered with branches said Mike Schira, Michigan State University Extension educator for Houghton and Keweenaw counties.

Without significant rain over the coming weeks, that fuel source could lead to more intense fires than from grasses alone.

Ranger Steve Goldman said the same conditions are present in the million-acre Huron-Manistee National Forest in the northern Lower Peninsula.

"We are getting fires early and in areas where we usually don't see fires," Goldman said. "This year the season started early, it started hotter and it started

dryer. It's going to be a challenging year."

Goldman said he is especially concerned about limbs and branches blown down from recent storms. Not only can they cause more intense and dangerous crown fires, but they often impede access for fire crews trying to put out blazes.

"When you get these large branches, they serve as a ladder for the fire to climb to the crown of trees," Goldman said. "They are also blocking a lot of the access we would need to get equipment to fires."

"A crew can suppress a ground fire quickly if it gets there in time, but once it gets to be a crown fire and the flames reach 30-100 feet, nothing can stop it. We would be forced to evacuate the area."

If wildfires are a serious

problem this year, the DNR may lack the resources to combat them. According to Heather, the department has made steady cuts to fire officers over the past 15 years, going from 83 in 1997 to only 54 now.

"In 1997, we not only had more officers, we would bring in 42 temporary officers to help during spring fire season. Now we have no seasonal help."

"What usually happens is when conditions are right, there are multiple fires in different areas of the state. Not only do we have fewer officers to deal with the fires, we have closed several field offices. That means a longer dispatch time and a delay in getting to the fires," Heather said.

"We are stretched thin," Heather said.

Pistol pointing man arrested

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 45-year-old South Branch Township resident for pointing a loaded gun at a pair of men.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said two South Branch Township men were assaulted with a handgun while retrieving property around 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

Deputies responded to Irish Way in South Branch Township, where they took a man into custody for the assault.

The suspect admitted to pointing a loaded handgun at the two males because of prior contact, Wakefield said. The man was arrested for two counts of felony assault with a firearm, felony firearm, possession of an unregistered handgun,

possession of a firearm while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

The suspect's name is

being withheld pending arraignment, Wakefield said.

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Sports mega stars outshine auto executives

FORD MOTOR Company President Alan Mulally was paid more money than any other automobile manufacturing leader during 2011, according to tabulations of auto CEO compensation reported recently.

According to reports, Mr. Mulally was paid only \$2 million in salary plus \$5.46 million in a cash bonus, while other perks including stock options took his total compensation package to \$29.5 million last year.

That's only a tad higher than what Mr. Mulally received the year before. For 2010, his compensation package was \$26.5 million, an increase of about 11 percent for the 2011, which likely is a higher percentage wage increase than most folks received last year.

Others on the higher end of the auto CEO 2011 compensation scale included Martin Winterkorn of Volkswagen (\$23 million),

Sergio Marchionne of Chrysler (\$22 million paid not by Chrysler but by Fiat), Dieter Zetsche of Daimler (\$11.4 million), and Dan Akerson of General Motors (\$9 million).

TO MOST OF us, those may seem like hefty pay packages, but checking the sports pages might provide some enlightened comparisons.

Earlier this year, an outstanding football player named Calvin Johnson signed a contract with the Detroit Lions franchise that will earn him \$132 million over the next eight years.

That comes out to about \$16.5 million a year in salary, compared with Mr. Mulally's take of \$7.6 million in cash for 2011 services.

For the balance of Mr. Mulally's total income, the Ford Motor Company must sell enough products to increase the value of the

company stock enough to cover the CEO's total compensation package.

The Detroit Lions, on the other hand, are not required to win a single game this season, and Mr. Johnson does not have to catch even one pass to assure that he will be paid his \$16.5 million. That's the case for the next seven years, too.

In a way, both Alan Mulally and Calvin Johnson work for the same bosses, because members of the Ford family own controlling interest in both auto making and football playing enterprises.

Maybe if the automobile Fords could convince the auto company president to take a pay cut for the next year or two, the football Fords could have enough money to search for another player or two of Calvin Johnson's caliber and assure a Super Bowl trophy to put in the Ford Family Trophy Chest.

* * * WHICH IS the real world – the world of commerce, or the world of sports?

Both auto magnate Mulally and football star Johnson are surpassed in the paycheck department by a baseball player named Prince Fielder, who a couple months ago was contracted by the Detroit Tigers to be paid \$217 million to play baseball for them for the next nine years.

That comes out to about \$23 million each year for Mr. Fielder, which is as much or more than total annual compensation for the four other automobile CEOs cited above. Again, Prince Fielder gave no guarantee that he will bring a World Series to Detroit or that he will hit any home runs at all in any of the next nine years, and he still will get the money.

* * * THEN TAKE a look at college athletics, supposed

to be on a non-professional level.

As for salary/bonus only, which comes out to \$7.46 million for Alan Mulally at Ford last year, pay for football Coach Nick Saban at University of Alabama is somewhere in the \$5 to \$7 million range, and several other big time college football coaches, when all additional compensation is included, are not far behind.

Basketball is played with five players on each team on the floor at one time, and with total squads that range from 15 to 20 players in all, but the pay for big time basketball coaches also nears the stratosphere.

According to a ranking by *USA Today*, Coach John Calipari of University of Kentucky is the highest paid college basketball coach in the country, with total annual pay of just under \$5.4 million plus possible bonuses of \$850,000.

Among the 12 universities

in the Big Ten, six basketball coaches are paid between \$2.175 million and \$3.598 million, plus possible bonuses, usually set by team performance, ranging from \$200,000 to \$900,000 to be added.

Professional team coaches, both football and basketball, generally are paid even more.

* * * SO WHICH is the real world? The world of big time commerce, or the world of big time sports?

For a young man or woman taking early steps on the career path these days, be very the world of big time sports would be very tempting.

It probably would be much more fun, too.

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Letters to the Editor

Officers involved did exactly as they were trained

To the editor:

A letter to the editor in last week's paper suggested that local police officers needed more training in light of the recent tragedy. I respectfully disagree.

Coming from someone who's been there personally (42 years in the law enforcement vocation), I must assert that the officers involved did exactly as they were trained. At no point in my training (from Military Police school through Michigan basic academy, advance academy and numerous in-service schools) did any one of my training officers ever suggest or advocate that a threat of lethal force should be met with anything less than lethal force.

One who threatens with a knife is making a threat of lethal force. Since 1921, seven Michigan law enforcement officers have been stabbed to death. (Source: Officer Down Memorial Page at

www.odmp.org) Five of those seven have been Michigan Department of Corrections Officers.

Why so many corrections officers? Possibly because correction officers are not allowed to carry weapons capable of a lethal response within a correctional facility.

I never met or known any officer who was happy to be placed into a deadly force situation. However, a threat from a subject wielding a knife is a deadly threat. The Taser is not meant to be a disarming device. What is seen on TV and in movies does not reflect real life.

This situation was investigated by an outside agency and the officer's response found to be justified and in accordance with their training. The investigators know and understand the dynamics of a deadly force situation and know and understand how officers are trained to respond to

deadly force.

Our local officers receive training as any other police officer from any agency in the State of Michigan. Training is constantly up-dated and is conducted by qualified professionals in the profession. I am confident that today's officers have received the best training possible and are the highest caliber officers available to serve our community.

I hope that our officers never have to face a deadly threat again.

Finally, I hope that this letter is not misinterpreted and that someone would think I don't feel sorrow for Mr. Reddie and his family over this tragic event. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family, and I, too, hope and pray that a tragedy like this never happens again.

Timothy G. Coe
Grayling

We have to live within our budget, and it's about time you do the same

To the editor:

This is in regards to the request for an increase in school millage.

It was presented to the people as an increase in millage of only \$15 on a \$100,000 home. What the school board and the superintendent forgot to mention is this is on top of what we already are paying.

What the people who came up with these proposals chose to ignore is that Crawford County and Grayling especially is in the midst of a terrible economy. This community is made up of many senior citizens, who are on a fixed income and are struggling to make ends meet. Add high gas prices to the equation for people who need to travel to get to work. Many are at their breaking point ... tapped out.

You seem to think we are an endless flow of funds for your wish lists and egos.

It is about time you people start living with what you have and cut out your demands for things you can live without. Shiny new school busses along with other frills, would be nice, unfortunately, we can't afford it. What part of this don't you understand?

It is about time you realize we are not an endless flow of money for your pie in the sky ideas.

Another favorite trick you like to employ is putting these proposals on the ballot while snow birds are away. Could it be that these people are senior citizens? A majority of this group would likely vote an increase down.

Get by with what you already have in your budget, just like we have to. We have to live within our budget, and do without at times. It's about time you did the same.

James W. Allman
Grayling

Feral cats are not domestic cats

To the editor:

A feral cat is a descendant of a domesticated cat that has returned to the wild. It is distinguished from a stray cat, which is a pet cat that has been lost or abandoned, while feral cats are born in the wild; the offspring of a stray cat can be considered feral if born in the wild. Feral cats that are born and living outdoors, without any human contact or care, have been shown to be adoptable and can be tamed by humans, provided they are removed from a wild environment. The lifespan of feral cats is hard to determine accurately, although one study reported a median age of 4.7 years. For contrast, in captivity, an average life expectancy for male indoor cats at birth is 12 to 14 years, with females usually living a year or two longer. Some of Mrs. Guay's neighbors are claiming damage was done by the feral cat

colony, none of which were ever in Mrs. Guay's care. They need to look up the following court case: McElroy v. Carter, No. M2005-00414-COA-R3-CV, 2006 WL 2805141, at *6 Tenn. Ct. App. Sept. 29, 2006.

Keepers and caretakers provide a valuable service, and the law should not discourage these individuals from caring for animals in need. I have contacted several feral cat caretakers who are also non-profit and licensed by the State of Michigan. They will not come forward because they are afraid of their townships doing what Beaver Creek Township is doing – killing cats. The Lodge, a Bed and Breakfast, a ski resort, a golf course, and a church, all within hollering distance of Mrs. Guay's home, are not home-based businesses. The court says Mrs. Guay does not fit the bill of being a home-based business.

Funny thing is, Mrs. Guay went to the Beaver Creek Township board before she started Leaning Oaks Cat Haven and Rescue to ask if there were any regulations against her actions. The board told her there were no regulations for her to meet so she proceeded to get a license by the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture for a feral cat colony. Politicians can flip-flop I guess. Are there any residents out there willing to help with these cats, Mrs. Guay's attorney fees, feed, and litter? What do you think – should these cats be returned to the wild or killed? How about all the dog breeders and people who raise a few rabbits? Should Beaver Creek go kill them too? What are we allowed to do inside our own homes?

Donna H. Simons
Elmira

In observance of
Good Friday, April 6th, the
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will be closed between the
hours of noon and 3 p.m.
Deadlines for news and
advertising for the April
12th newspaper are
unchanged.

Briefs

Baby to Toddler Closet to be open

The Baby to Toddler Closet, 400 Michigan Ave., (Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church) will be open the first and third Thursday of the month, April 5 and April 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Summer items needed for babies 18 to 24 months through 3T are socks, shoes and clothing. Diapers sizes 5 and 6, pull-ups all sizes and underwear for 2T through 3T. Items can be dropped off at the closet or at collection sites around town. For information, call 989-348-2985.

Seamstresses needed for programs

Mercy Hospice of Grayling is looking for seamstresses, both novice and expert alike, to help with their Burden Bear and Quilting program. These projects ask that seamstresses create personalized Burden Bears and lap quilts from material supplied by families who have had loved ones pass away. The stuffed bears and lap quilts are then given to the bereaved families free of charge. To become a part of the sewing group, contact Jill Tremonti at 989-348-4383, or email her at tremontjm@trinity-health.org.

Legion Auxiliary to hold meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 2 p.m., at the American Legion Hall.

Non-profit seeking board members

Wellington Farm Park, Inc., a local 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation which operates Wellington Farm, USA, a 60-acre living history farm, is seeking replacement members for its citizens advisory board of directors. Any legal resident of Michigan who is interested in serving should submit a letter to Wellington Farm Park, Inc., 6944 S. Military Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 before April 13, 2012. For questions call 989 529-7331.

Photographic Society to meet

The Grayling Photographic Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the Citizens Bank in Grayling. Park in the rear, enter the rear door, then down the stairs. At this meeting the GPS will hold its bimonthly competition, with the subject this month being "Night and Low Light". Guests are welcome and encouraged, but only members may enter photos in the competition and participate in judging. More info at <http://graylingphoto.org> or 256-603-7143 or stan@photoartbystan.com.

COA to hold class and presentation

COA and Kirtland Community College will hold computer classes on Tuesday, April 10 (computer basics) and Tuesday, April 17 (Facebook) the cost of each session is \$10, classes run from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., size is limited to 10 per class, call 348-7123. Presentation on taxing public and private pensions will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at 11 a.m., at 308 Lawndale, Grayling.

VFW Post #3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their meeting on April 10, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Elections will be held, all members are encouraged to attend.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Great Start to host Early Childhood Conference at KCC

The Great Start Collaborative and Parent Coalition for the counties of Crawford, Oscoda, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Iosco will host their 2nd annual Early Childhood Conference on April 21 at Kirtland Community College from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The conference is open to all parents, grandparents, childcare providers, early childhood educators, professionals and advocates.

Founder of The Music Lady Program, Beverly Meyer will keynote this year's conference with "In Tune with Children: Music and Brain Development". Participants will then have three more break-out sessions throughout the day to choose from.

Workshops include: Music and Learning; Positive Behavior Supports-Family Love, Supports and Resolution; Special Needs Family; Cyber-Bullying and Internet Safety; Grant Writing for non-profits;

Bring the Silly!; Great Start to Quality (for providers); Michigan's Early Childhood Standards of Quality; GOOD GRIEF-Helping Children Deal with Life's Losses and Transitions; The Project Approach-Incorporating Child Led Investigations into the Classroom; Discovering Temperaments!; and Dramatic Play.

For the \$3 registration fee (which will be waived upon request), the conference includes: free childcare at the Warbler's Nest; continental breakfast; lunch; door prizes; 50/50 raffle; resource/vendor area during lunch; free transportation available from all five counties (locations TBD).

For the full conference booklet and registration information, please visit www.kidsgreatstart.org

For questions or additional information, contact Amy Coulter at coultera@coori.net

Anglers of the AuSable to mark 25th anniversary

In 1987, the pristine and beloved AuSable River was under great pressure, which over the years was causing stress on the blue-ribbon trout stream.

The late Calvin "Rusty" Gates, who owned a fly fishing shop and guide service on the river, recognized the threats and founded a cold-water conservation group known as the Anglers of the AuSable.

This year the group, which numbers over 600 members, will celebrate 25 years of conserving and preserving this watershed, protecting it for future generations.

Many battles have been fought and won, from drilling incursions along its banks, to canoe and fishing regulations, and expansion of open waters year-round for fly fishing, to name a few. There are many new

battles to be fought, to protect the river.

In honor of the years past, and the years to come, the Anglers of the AuSable are celebrating their silver anniversary with a banquet on the opening day of trout season, April 28.

To be held at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, the evening will have a live auction, silent auction, raffles and a special dinner.

Entertainment and great fellowship will highlight the evening, along with rare and wonderful auction items to bid upon.

Tickets are still available, but hurry, since seating is limited.

Contact Karen Harrison at wwgc@frontier.com, or visit the Anglers of the AuSable website at <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?page=1> for ticket information.

Natural shorescaping workshop and plant sale

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly Education Committee is hosting this workshop for homeowners and landscapers on April 21. It will be held at the Denton Township Hall in Prudenville from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and pre-registration is requested by April 13.

Registration and further info can be found at www.mrwa.org or by calling 231-591-2324.

What is Natural Shorescaping?

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• 'Landscaping for Water Quality' booklets

• Homeowners — \$20 coupon to use on conservation district plant sale

• Landscapers — drawing for one free Certified Natural Shoreline Professional program (worth \$375).

Information will be available for all on the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Michigan native wildflower garden plants that will be available late June. These are being sold by pre-order only by May 25. See www.roscommon-county.net/conservation or call 989-275-3163 for this information.

KCC offers couponing class

Kirtland Community College's Community Education Department announces the addition of a "Secrets of Couponing" class on Monday, April 23 which will be offered in the Instructional Building (Room 123) on the main campus from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The cost of attending the class is \$20 and interested area residents must enroll no later than April 12.

Kirtland employee Terri Robson will introduce the art of couponing and help participants to learn, share and compare secrets. According to Community Education director Clay Horton, "Couponing is a national phenomenon and Kirtland is lucky enough to have a couponing star like Terri."

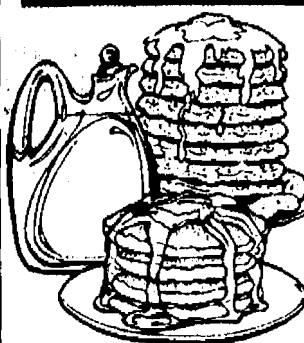
Robson, who is also a local resident, shares, "I first got involved out of curiosity. Due to unexpected changes in my life,

couponing quickly became a necessity. I am excited to share my "secrets of couponing" with everyone who enrolls in this class. Unlike the television series, I do not teach extreme couponing. My goal is to teach people real life couponing secrets to help you knock 50 – 100 percent off your shopping budget."

Anyone interested in learning more about the "Secrets of Couponing" is encouraged to enroll quickly as the class is expected to fill up quickly. "People who attend should find that a little time invested will create the opportunity for large savings in your family's grocery budget," said Robson.

Additional information and registration forms can be requested by calling 989-275-5000, extension 279 or by visiting their website at www.kirtland.edu/communityeducation.

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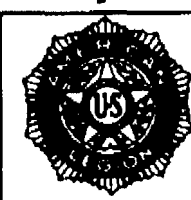
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How to keep your car running for years longer than most

(ARA) - While there's no getting around the price you have to pay for a new automobile, there are plenty of things you can do to make sure you won't have to make the same investment again anytime soon.

By doing the little things to maintain your car on a day-to-day basis, you can do everything in your power to make your car last long past the day you make your final payment on that car loan.

"Time and miles are the two forces fighting to destroy every car," says Tom Taylor, engineer and vice president of RockAuto.com. "Giving the car an occasional wash and wax is nice but really not as important as regular maintenance. Driving and maintaining your car as if it needs to last for at least 200,000 miles or 20 years is a smart way to preserve the value of an expensive asset."

Storage - If you have a

garage, make it your car's permanent home. Reserving a garage space for your car instead of household items that could be stored elsewhere will help you avoid the accelerated wear and tear caused by prolonged exposure to the elements.

If you store your car in a partially protected carport or use a car cover, regularly inspect underneath your hood for signs of vermin. "I recently needed to replace a fuel injector connector that a rat gnawed off our 20-year-old family van after it was left unattended in a carport for just a few days," says Taylor. "Rats and mice like a nice warm engine bay and they chew constantly to wear down their ever-growing teeth."

Scheduled maintenance - Your car's maintenance, engine oil, radiator antifreeze and other components might differ significantly from your last car. Following the maintenance

schedule laid out in your owner's manual is important to protect your vehicle. Making sure items like filters, struts and brake pads are replaced when needed will help protect other components, saving you money and unnecessary wear.

Drive smart - Occasionally kicking up your heels is fine, but consistently accelerating too fast can put unnecessary strain on your engine and other moving parts. Stopping or cornering too quickly can prematurely wear out your brakes and suspension. If you're starting your car in the cold, take it easy at first - letting your car idle won't help protect your car, but driving a little more methodically than usual while your car warms up will.

Drive less - You don't need to cut out the annual family road trip - highway miles are among the easiest miles you can put on

your car. But eliminating unnecessary trips in everyday life can have noticeable results since the starting and stopping associated with short trips can be tough on your car. Take care of all your errands in one trip, walk with your kids to school if it's close to home or ride the bus to and from work. If you can cut down on driving by 5 miles per day for 10 years, you'll save 18,000 miles of driving. Taylor estimates that those miles are worth \$4,000 in parts, depreciation and gas. Not only will you save money, but you'll also put less stress on your vehicle, which should extend its lifespan.

When shopping for a new car, you might be able to save hundreds of dollars by comparison shopping and finding the best price. But good maintenance and driving practices can save you thousands if it means you won't have to buy another car for 20 years.

Price vs. value: When is it worth the upgrade?

(ARA) - In today's economy, people want to know how they can keep their vehicles on the road for longer periods of time. Frequent maintenance will keep your car in good health, ensuring you get the most out of all those expensive-to-replace parts, according to the Car Care Council. When does it make sense to upgrade to a premium automotive product?

That's a question that stumps a lot of people when confronted with the wide range of prices for seemingly comparable products. Here are a few tips on common automotive product categories to help you make informed decisions.

Gasoline: Engines are designed to use a particular grade/octane of gasoline. While some auto manufacturers specify using a high-octane gasoline, some consumers purchase the higher

octane gasoline based on the assumption that it's better for the car. However, there is no benefit in using a higher octane than recommended by the manufacturer. In fact, if you paid 40 cents a gallon extra to purchase super premium gas as opposed to regular, that would cost you an additional \$320 a year (assuming 12,000 miles driven and 15 miles per gallon).

The bottom line: Don't use a higher octane rating than recommended by the car's manufacturer.

Motor oil: Lubrication technology has seen significant improvements over the years. The longer oil life of high-performance synthetic motor oil allows for extended oil drains, saving time and money, and reducing the impact on the environment. Additionally, some high-

performance synthetic oils have been reported to improve mileage as much as 3 percent or more. Three percent may not seem like a substantial amount, but it can result in hundreds of dollars in savings over the course of a year.

The bottom line: Upgrade to a high-performance synthetic motor oil for extended oil drains and improved fuel economy.

Wiper blades: Where you live is the critical factor in determining the value of upgrading to a premium wiper. There is a noticeable performance difference in low-cost wiper blades versus those specifically designed for rainy and snowy climates. Premium wiper blades are considerably sturdier and more durable than low priced blades.

The bottom line: Rainy and snowy climates justify

spending a few dollars more for premium wiper blades.

Oil filters: Inexpensive filters are typically made with the 3,000 mile interval in mind. These filters often use low-quality paper media for filtration and deteriorate rapidly after 3,000 miles. The new generation of high-performance premium oil filters allow for extended oil drain intervals. For example, filters that use a proprietary long-life, micro-glass media provides protection for 12,000 miles. It also provides an increased level of protection due to the density of the filtration.

The bottom line: Upgrade to a premium oil filter if you plan to extend oil drain intervals or if you operate your vehicle in extreme conditions such as dusty environments or cold weather climates.

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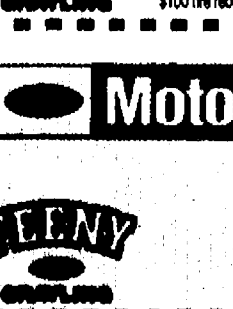
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For Spring

Adapt your vehicle and driving habits to combat rising gas prices

(ARA) - Just as Americans are gearing up for warm-weather road trips and family vacations, prices at the gas pump are rising. For most people, driving is essential for getting to work, taking kids to school and going out to have some fun, so filling up the tank is a non-negotiable expense. However, costs add up quickly as fuel prices climb higher, taking up more of your budget.

If you want to keep your plans in place and your spending on track, it's important to be smart about fuel consumption. Not everyone can afford to buy a new, ultra-fuel-efficient car, so making adjustments to your existing vehicle - and your driving habits - can help you stretch the dollars you spend at the pump.

* Drive mindfully: If you're used to speeding up fast and braking at the last moment, you need to reconsider how you're operating your vehicle - those habits can drain your gas tank and send you back to the pump more often. Instead, make a conscious effort to accelerate and slow down gradually and use cruise control to maintain a constant speed, all of which will help to use fuel more efficiently. When possible, avoid idling and make plans for running errands, to cut down on the number of trips you take.

* Reduce drag: If you drive a truck, smoothing out the aerodynamics of your truck with a truck bed cover or a tonneau cover can make a big difference in fuel consumption. Covers can be added easily with clamp-on

installation and can be rolled up behind the cab when not in use.

* Choose wisely: You're typically given three options at the pump, with a trio of gasolines with different octane levels - and different prices. One of the simplest ways to cut costs is to opt for the lowest octane fuel that you can use in your vehicle. Making this change can save you hundreds of dollars per year, without sacrificing performance or gas mileage.

* Give your vehicle a check-up: Maintenance and mileage can go hand in hand, so it's important to make sure that your car is in shape for saving fuel. Check and change your oil regularly - it's an essential component in reducing wear caused by friction between

moving parts in the engine. If it's not clean, or if levels are low, your vehicle won't be performing as efficiently as possible. Equally important to getting good mileage is the air pressure in your tires, which should be at the manufacturer's recommended levels (often listed on the driver's side door frame). Proper inflation can improve your gas mileage by up to 3 percent. A check of the air, oil and fuel filters should also be included in a check-up.

Making adjustments to your vehicle and the way you drive can be the best way to save yourself from going over budget on gasoline. Start with these tips and you'll be able to enjoy the season the way you want to.

Spring is the season for auto care

(NewsUSA) - After a season of winter driving, a springtime check-up for your car might be in order. Most anyone can do routine automotive housekeeping chores: Remove unneeded winter gear from your trunk, clean out trash and clutter, and wash and wax your car to remove accumulated grime and salt deposits. The experts at the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) offer the following advice for more ambitious automotive projects:

- Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules.
- If you are not a do-it-yourselfer, look for an

orderly repair shop with modern equipment in the service bays and qualified automotive technicians as evidenced by trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced courses and ASE certifications.

• Have engine performance problems - hard starts, rough idling, stalling - corrected now, before summer's demanding stop-and-go vacation traffic.

• For comfort in hot weather now's the time, too, to have a marginally working air conditioning system serviced.

• Flush and refill the cooling system according to the service manual's recommendations. The level, condition, and concentration of

the coolant should be checked periodically. (Make sure the engine has cooled down before removing the radiator cap.)

• A qualified auto technician should check the tightness and condition of belts, clamps and hoses, but you can look for signs of wear, cracking, or fraying.

• Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended in the service manual.

• Check the condition of tires, including the spare. Let the tires "cool down" before checking their pressure. Uneven wear, "cupping," vibrations, or "pulling" to one side indicates problems with your tires or suspension system.

If applicable, have snow tires pulled and replaced with seasonal tires.

• Change the oil and oil filter as specified in owner's manual. Often neglected, this simple service is one of the easiest ways to extend the life of your vehicle.

ASE was founded to improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white shoulder insignia and carry credentials listing their exact area(s) of certification. Their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign.

Don't tread water this national car care month

(NewsUSA) - Spring showers bring May flowers, but they may also bring slippery driving conditions and decreased visibility. When it's wet, a braking car needs up to four times its regular stopping distance. Worn tires can cause cars to hydroplane, or skim over the road with little or no traction, which can lead to lost control. In honor of April's National Car Care Month, drivers should take a few minutes to prepare their cars for spring showers.

According to Firestone Complete Auto Care, proper tire maintenance is a relatively simple task and can help drivers stay safer on the road. The first step toward proper tire maintenance

is to check the tire pressure with an accurate tire gauge at least once a month. This should be done when the vehicle has been driven less than one mile or has been sitting for at least three hours. The recommended air pressure for a vehicle is listed on the sticker on the door jamb, fuel filler lid, glove box or trunk or in the owner's manual.

In addition to checking the inflation pressure, drivers should have their tires, including tread depth, inspected regularly by an ASE Certified automotive professional. Wheel alignment should be checked annually, and tires should be rotated every 5,000 miles or according to the vehicle's

owner's manual. Proper wheel alignment and rotation will help tires roll more smoothly, which can increase traction, fuel mileage and tire life.

Don't wait for a rain storm to check your lights and wipers. Make a habit of checking both at regular intervals, when the weather is good -- like when you fill up at the gas station. Seeing and being seen are critical anytime, but especially while driving in the rain. Functioning lights are important not only for your ability to see, they'll help other drivers see your vehicle. Windshield wipers should be replaced at the first signs of trouble, like streaking or noisy operation,

in order to provide the best visibility while on the road.

Proper vehicle maintenance may increase traction and visibility during a rain storm, but good driving behaviors, like slowing down and using caution, are also very important. Although the rain will go away, it will come again another day - be prepared.

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The Bible Speaks

American Warning?

Jonathan Cahn has written a powerful book entitled *The Harbinger - The Ancient Mystery That Holds The Secret Of America's Future*. He applies the prophecy given to the Jews in Israel 2,500 years ago to Christians in America today: "8The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. 9And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, 10The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars." (Isaiah 9:8-10). Israel did not heed God's prophecy and lost their freedom.

America became a fully constituted nation on April 30, 1789 when George Washington was sworn in with his hand on the Bible to become our first president. A dark bronze statue of Washington remains at the very same location on Wall Street facing the New York Stock Exchange. President Washington led the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives on foot to St. Paul's Chapel where their first act of government business was a prayer to God for the dedication and protection of America. The following words were a part of President Washington's prayer: "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself hath ordained."

Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled when Israel refused to repent and turn to God after the nation of Assyria attacked her. Isaiah said in her, "...pride and stoutness of heart, 10The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars."

Cahn reminds us that American leaders quoted Isaiah 9:10 after the 9/11 attacks on

the World Trade Towers. The very field belonging to St. Paul's Chapel where Americans dedicated this nation to God, became ground zero where the Twin Towers were destroyed. A symbolic cornerstone was placed at ground zero. It was a twenty-ton rectangular block of quarried stone named "Freedom Stone." "10The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones..." After a few years of failure to rebuild, the symbolic stone was removed. Plans were underway to build a new tower called, The Freedom Tower.

Cahn also reminds us that the birth of the New York Stock Exchange took place where 24 merchants usually met under a buttonwood or English Sycamore tree to conduct their business. There was also a sycamore tree beside St. Paul's Chapel before 9/11. The implosion and flying debris from the Twin Towers uprooted the tree, but the tree protected St. Paul's Chapel. The uprooted sycamore was replaced by a large cedar on the same site; "...the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars."

The Assyrians who enslaved the 10 northern tribes of Israel spoke Akkadian of which the closest language today is Arabic. Their capital was Nineveh whose ruins are still visible today in Mosul, Iraq. The Assyrians were the fathers of terrorism and the spiritual fathers of Al Qaeda. "14If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chr. 7:14) Pastor "B"

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Library News

Sit n' Knit at Night will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, April 10 at 5 p.m. Have you ever dreamed of being a SUPERHERO? Then sign up for "You're My Hero" at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, April 12 at 3:30 p.m. Kids ages 6-12 can release their inner super powers with special guest 'The Cardinal' comic book creator Kurt Kolka. Come up with your own heroic name and crime stopping power at this program filed with stories, fun and treats.

Obituaries



James O. Failing

James Otto Failing, 55, of Grayling, passed away Monday, March 26, 2012.

He was born in Grayling, on June 17, 1956, a son of Patricia M. (Thompson) and James C. Failing.

James was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He even held the 1987 Michigan State Record for catching the largest stream fed brook trout.

He is survived by both parents, James Carl Failing and Patricia Mae (Thompson) Failing of Grayling; two brothers, Douglas Richard Failing of Arcadia, Calif., and David William Failing of Grayling.

James was preceded in death by brother, Allen Donald Failing.

A memorial service will be held for James on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home in Grayling.

Visitation will start before the service at 10 a.m.

A graveside service and luncheon will follow.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Gloyce Lauth

Gloyce Cecilia Lauth, 83, of Grayling, Michigan passed away Wednesday March 28, 2012. Gloyce was born in Detroit, MI on November 22, 1928, a daughter of the late Cecilia Barbara (Sontowski) and Edmund Szykowski. She was married to Edmond Lauth on May 7, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan.

Gloyce is survived by: 4 daughters and 2 sons, Pam (Pete) Mendis of Britton, MI; Janice (Dan) Welt of Belleville, MI; Paul Lauth of Belleville, MI; Mark (Donna) Lauth of Belleville, MI; Cecilia Queener of Belleville, MI; and Sharon (Mark) Innes of Belleville, MI. Gloyce is also survived by sister Marcie Sosnowski of Hesperia, CA, 17 Grandchildren, and 7 Great Grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both parents and brother Jerry Szykowski.

There will be a memorial service held at a later date. Condolences may be sent to www.sorenson-lockwood.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

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Andrea Yanniello, Brittany Yanniello-Nelson and family

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, April 6 - Closed - Good Friday.

Monday, April 9 - Lunch - beef goulash, cauliflower, peas and grapes. Dinner - liver and onions, mashed potatoes, carrots and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 12:30 p.m. Zumba Gold, 1:30 p.m. clogging, 1 p.m. Bridge, 2:30 p.m. Bunco.

Tuesday, April 10 - Lunch - roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, green beans and orange slices. Dinner - swiss steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts and watermelon. 10 a.m. Bible Study and Zumba Gold, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Computer basics, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, April 11 - Lunch - breaded cod, mixed vegetables, cole slaw and applesauce. Dinner - lemon pepper chicken with noodles, carrots, peas, pears and cherry turnover. 9:30 - 10:30 Commodities at St. Mary's, 11 a.m. Pension Tax seminar, 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, Wii Bowling and Mahjong.

Thursday, April 12 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, lettuce, tomato, potato salad, baked beans and watermelon. Easter Dinner - baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, spiced apple rings and cherry cheese tart. 10 a.m. crafting and Pokemo, 1 p.m. Wii Bowling with Kalkaska (here), UNO Attack, Unlucky 7's and Pool - 8 Ball, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Easter Dinner.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Everyone at Crawford County United Way would like to thank Spike's Keg 'O' Nails for its generosity in making our LAST BLAST Celebrity Server Night a huge success.

Special thanks to Spike's manager Bridget Harland and her crew of experts, Michelle Sanborn, Jamey Harland, Julie Hall, Sarah Harland, Troy Winchel, Ty Ellis and Gary Spicer for the delicious food and great service. Special thanks also to our wonderfully brave, enthusiastic and ever-smiling Celebrity Servers: Jeremy Bowers, Traci Cook, Kirk Wakefield, Pete Kocenas, Chad Patterson, Bonnie Brewer, Jeff Gardner. Together with all of our hungry and generous supporters, we raised \$1,320 in three hours of LAST BLAST food and fun. We are very grateful for all the big-hearted people who love our community.

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We would like to thank this wonderful community for all they have done to help with the Barnett Benefit. We would also like to thank our friends and family for all of their help and support. The benefit raised enough money to pay for Lee and the twins to get tested and for Angie and Naomi to start treatment.

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4/6 ~ Stations of the Cross ~ 5:30pm

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Mt. Hope Lutheran

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4/6 ~ Good Friday ~ 5 pm

4/8 ~ Easter Sunday Service ~ 11 am

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4/8 ~ Worship Service ~ 10:30 am

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4/8 ~ Easter Service ~ 10:30 am

Burning Bush Tabernacle

4/8 ~ Worship Service ~ 11 am

Loell's Community Chapel

4/8 ~ Worship Service ~ 11 am

Upcoming Senior Programs & Events

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Computer Basics

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The New Pension Tax Presentation

Wednesday, April 11 • 11 am

The State of Michigan is going to be taxing public as well as private pensions. How does this law effect you? Stephen Sachs from Governor Snyder's office will be on hand to provide details. This presentation is FREE.

Easter Dinner

Thursday, April 12 • 4-6pm

Menu includes Baked Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Spiced Apple Rings and Cherry Cheese Tart. \$4.75 per person aged under 60. A suggested donation of \$2.50 for people over 60. Open To The Public.

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School board recognizes Avalanche sports writer



Photo courtesy of Kim Schmidt

The Crawford AuSable School Board recognized Crawford County Avalanche sports writer Caleb Casey at its regularly monthly board meeting in March. Casey was recognized for going above and beyond his regular duties as a sports writer for the newspaper. The school district's students and parents said they appreciate the section Casey created on the Crawford County Avalanche website, crawfordcountyavalanche.com, which contains numerous photos he has taken of students at games, practices and tournaments. The photos allow the students an opportunity to create their own scrapbooks with pictures of themselves and to post them on Facebook. Above, Casey is pictured with Crawford AuSable School Board Secretary Rick Febey.

Honors

Ferris State University officials have announced that Shauna Kappers, Melissa Kocenas and Marlo Russell, of Grayling; Rebecca

Cavanagh, David Crespo and Heather Rowan, of Roscommon; and Kelli Kerschenheiter and Bradly Morgan, of Mio, were placed on the Academic

Honors List for the semester that ended in December 2011 at Ferris State University.

Ferris State University officials announced that

during the semester that ended in December 2011 Aubrey Waterman, of Roscommon, graduated with an AS degree in Pre-Science.

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Outlook for Forest Dunes looks promising under new ownership

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

With a new owner and management team in place, the Forest Dunes Golf Club is ready to take another swing at economic viability and boosting local tourism dollars.

The South Branch Township Planning Commissioners recently approved changes for the planned unit development at Forest Dunes.

One of the main changes approved by planners was construction of a two-story, 22-room hotel. The hotel, which is estimated to cost \$1.2 million to \$2 million, will be built next to the Forest Dunes Clubhouse, said Todd Campbell, the general manager for Forest Dunes.

"It's definitely needed," Campbell said. "It's something that we need for our stay and play packages for our consumers and golfers. It will complete the whole golfing experience."

Last October, Lew Thompson, a Huntsville, Ark. trucking executive, bought Forest Dunes.

Thompson purchased the 1,300 acre golf community from the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund, one of the original investors in the development.

Developers from a Scottsdale, Ariz. firm began

developing Forest Dunes in 1998 at estimated cost of \$38 million.

But after over two years of legal and financial battles, the Carpenters Pension Trust Fund assumed ownership of the course.

The trust fund opened Forest Dunes in 2002.

Forest Dunes is ranked 45 on Golf Magazine's list of the nation's Top 100 courses. Readers of Golf World magazine selected it as the top public course in the country. It is No. 18 on Golf Digest magazine's list of the 100 greatest public courses in America, and is a perennial choice on Golf Week's list of their top 100 modern courses in the country. Forest Dunes earned a Gold Signature Certification from Audubon International for its efforts to protect the AuSable River.

Despite receiving the accolades, operations at the golf club have struggled financially.

Thompson previously acquired The Bridge, which is located in Montrose, Colo. for \$3 million in April 2010. It was struggling with only 40 members and had a checkered history.

Thompson has since increased membership to more than 140, tripled wedding bookings and started selling home sites around the course.

Thompson plans to duplicate that success at Forest Dunes.

"I am hoping to bring some stability to the place and attract more members," Thompson said. "We have a great product here and we will give the kind of service that people will want to be a member for."

Members of The Bridges will now have reciprocal privileges at Forest Dunes.

Plans call for breaking ground for construction of the hotel in June or July. The hotel will be in full operation in April 2013 in time for the opening of the spring golfing season.

Currently, Forest Dunes is hiring its workforce of over 100 employees, who will staff the golf course, the clubhouse and the Sangamore Restaurant.

Campbell said the outlook for Forest Dunes is already looking promising.

"We're excited about the upcoming season and our bookings are already up from the same time last year," Campbell said.

Campbell comes to Forest Dunes from the Spring Brook Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, where he was the general manager since 2009. Prior to that, Campbell worked 17 years as a key executive at Garland Resort located near Lewiston.

Campbell is part of a whole new management team for the golf club and real estate development.

"We're ramping up for a great season and we are really excited about the opportunities we have," Campbell said.

Campbell said adding the hotel will be a big plus.

"We're excited about not only being able to add the hotel, but the jobs it will create," Campbell said.

Along with approving the construction of the hotel, South Branch Township also changed some of the lots in the planned unit development for Forest Dunes.

There are seven homes for sale in the development and 105 lots are finished and ready for sale. Phase two of the project allows for the development of at least 200 additional lots.

Chris Jones, chairman of the South Branch Township Planning Commission, said seeing development at Forest Dunes come to fruition gives the local economy a much needed shot in the arm.

"It's great," Jones said. "Forest Dunes is a very nice area and building the hotel will be nice because it will give people who come in to play golf a place to stay and it's nice for the township because it adds to the tax rolls."

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Kirtland announces 2012-13 tuition and fee rate increases

At their March 22 regular meeting, Kirtland Community College's Board of Trustees approved tuition and fee rates for the 2012-13 school year, which will be effective beginning with the summer term. A tuition increase of approximately 6.5 percent is necessary to offset declining revenue and enrollment projections and increasing insurance, retirement and heating/energy costs.

Kirtland's funding formula is based on a combination of property tax revenue, state and federal aid, and student tuition fees, resulting in an annual operating budget of approximately \$15,800,000. The following projections provided the data necessary to determine the tuition and fee rate increases:

- 3.5 percent decline in property tax revenue (approximately -\$300,000)
- 8 percent to 10 percent decline in enrollment (approximately -\$350,000)
- Increasing health insurance and retirement contribution costs (approximately \$380,000)
- Rising health/energy costs (approximately \$150,000)

As state appropriations continue to decline, Kirtland's dependency on tuition charges has risen sharply in the last 10 years, from 27 percent (2000) to 45 percent of total revenue (2011). "Declining revenues dictate that there will be increased dependence

on tuition revenues. Other community colleges throughout the state will be considering similar, if not higher, increases," said Kirtland Community College President Dr. Thomas Quinn.

Even with the approved tuition and fee increases, Kirtland administrators still face the daunting task of identifying an additional \$900,000 in cuts in order to present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees for approval at the May 19 regular meeting. A portion of the increase is allocated to the development of several new programs including Health Information Technologies, Vascular Sonography and Grant Writing, which are all available entirely online. Mechatronics, a new facilities and industrial technology program designed to merge mechanical and electrical skills, will be offered at Kirtland's M-TEC/Gaylord location and has been identified as one of ten emerging technologies in the United States.

"It is important to note that Kirtland is not cutting services. We recognize it is important to maintain services knowing that our citizens want and need affordable educational opportunities close to home," added Quinn. "Kirtland's tuition is still low and extremely competitive. We are affordable and provide a wide range of high-demand, relevant programs designed to

get students the skills they need to be successful in a career or when transferring to a four-year college or university.

In other action, the Board of Trustees approved a construction package authorizing the start of renovation work on the new West Branch facility located on M-76 near the I-75 Business Loop. In addition to housing Kirtland's signature Surgery Technology program, the new West Branch facility will offer expanded general education course offerings. "We understand the challenge students face with rising costs in a struggling economic climate. Students can now save money in gas and travel expenses and take advantage of a larger selection of courses closer to home," states Quinn.

In a 5-2 vote, the Board also approved a one-year extension of the college's athletics program. And, at the next regular meeting on April 19, the Board will continue to consider a committee recommendation to institute a campus-wide tobacco free policy and review the possible suspension of low-enrollment certificate programs.

For more information, contact Sarah Madonna, director of public information, at 989-275-5000, extension 242, or via e-mail at sarah.madonna@kirtland.edu.



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Caitlin Prosser handles the ball for Grayling during a regular season varsity girls basketball game vs. East Jordan.



Zane Tobin shoots a lay-up for the Vikings during a varsity boys basketball playoff game at Houghton Lake.

Winter sports teams combine for three playoff wins, three state qualifiers

This year's winter sports teams at Grayling High School – a group of programs that included boys basketball, girls basketball, wrestling, and skiing (boys and girls) – combined for three playoff wins, one district championship, and three state qualifiers.

The boys basketball program, which had three teams this year (varsity, junior varsity, freshman), posted a combined win-loss record of 50-9.

The varsity squad had a 16-4 regular season record, won two playoff games to clinch its second consecutive district championship, and finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference with an 11-3 mark in league play.

"Our team has had a fine season. I am proud of the way that they have battled all season long," Coach Rich Moffit said.

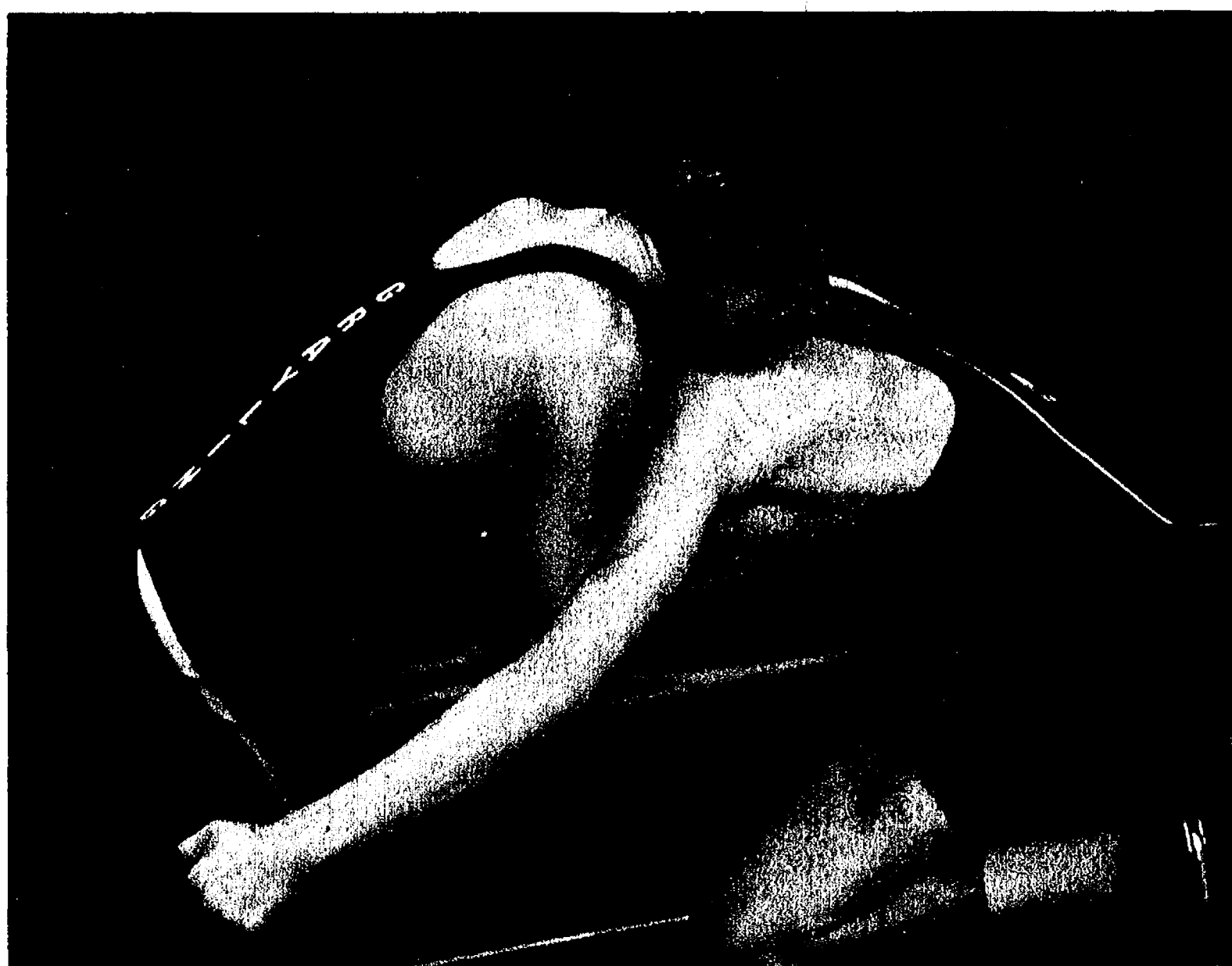
The JV boys basketball team won 18 of its 20 games and the freshman squad finished at 14-2.

The GHS varsity girls basketball team won eight games, including one in the playoffs. Grayling made it to the district championship game for the second season in a row.

"Our girls showed a tremendous amount of improvement. We were extremely young with only three girls returning with significant experience. We're looking forward to next year because we gained a huge amount of experience," Coach Joe Powers said.

The varsity wrestling team took second place in the Lake Michigan Conference this year. The Vikings had six regional qualifiers and three state qualifiers. One of them – Brandon Handrich (152), a junior – placed at the finals, finishing fifth.

The ski teams finished third (girls) and fourth (boys) in the Lake Michigan Conference. The squads did not have a state qualifier this year.



Brandon Handrich, a state qualifier for Grayling this year, wrestles against an opponent from Clare during a meet at Houghton Lake.



Emily Wingard, left, and Jordan Bulmer, right, ski for Grayling during a meet at Schuss Mountain.

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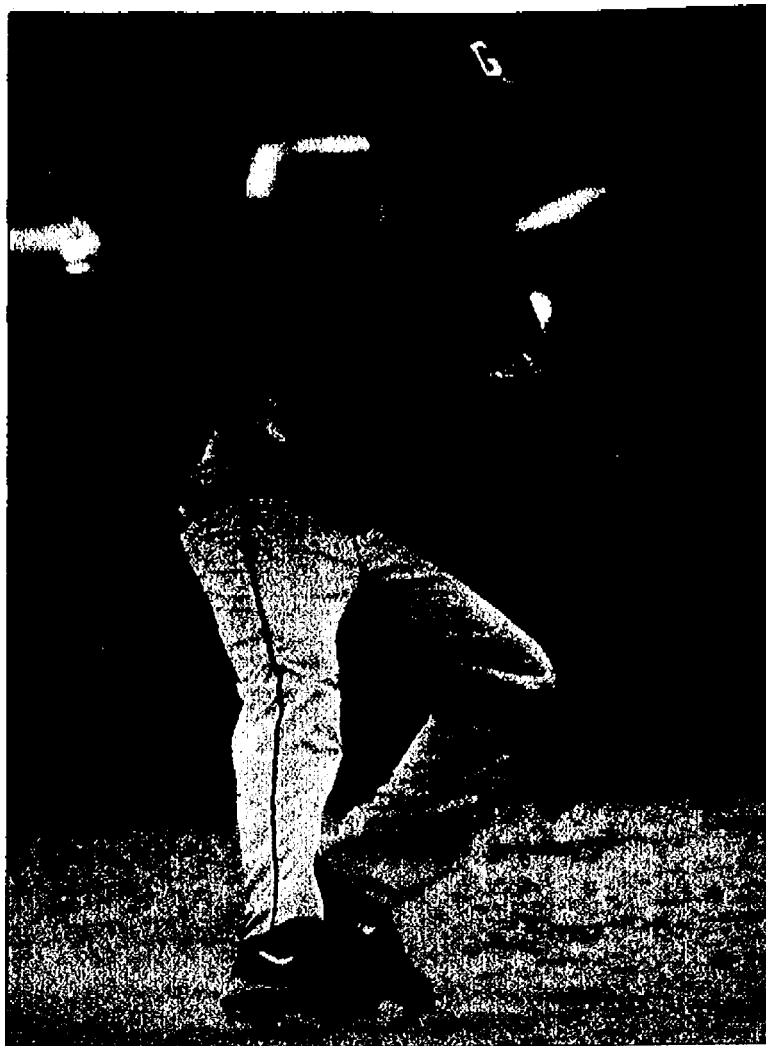


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Nick Wells takes a lead at second base during the last inning of game two at WBOH.



Zach Schreiber bats for Grayling during last week's series at West Branch.

Baseball team loses 11-1, 3-1 in doubleheader at Ogemaw

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team lost 11-1, 3-1 in a nonconference doubleheader at Ogemaw Heights on Tuesday night.

The Falcons won 11-1 in game one of the series, Grayling's second doubleheader of the 2012 season.

"In game one we let the weather and errors get the best of us," Coach Bret Krabill said. "We made way too many errors and never put ourselves in a place to win. They had a pitcher who controlled the game; he hit his spots and was throwing in the 80s."

Justice Junttila had the lone RBI for the Vikings.

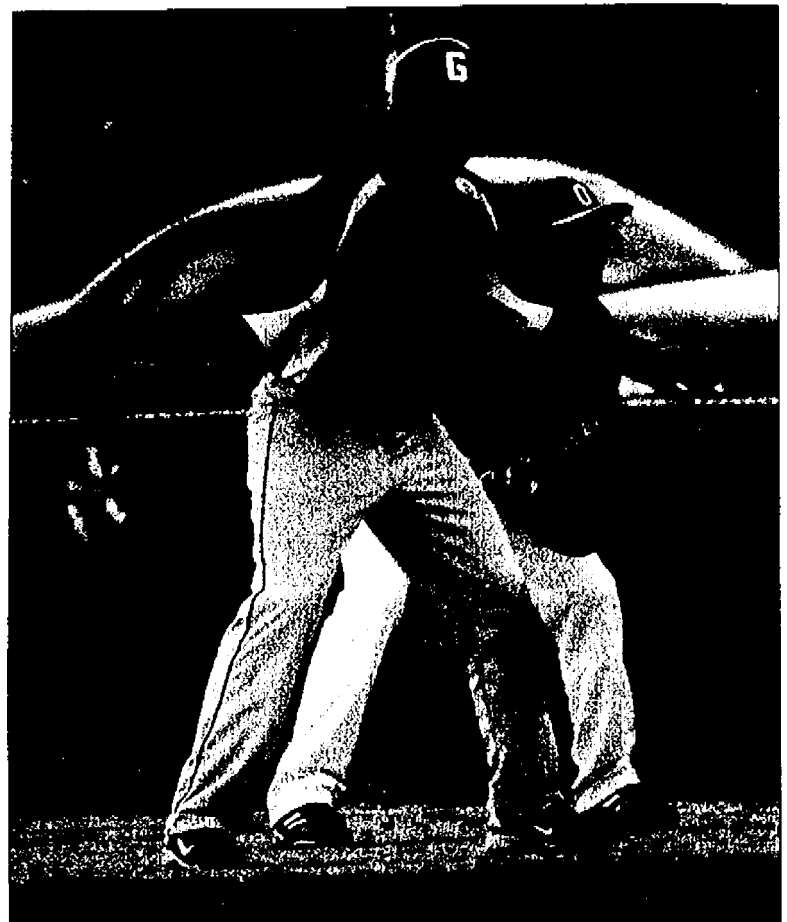
Grayling lost by two, 3-1, in game two. The Vikings had two runners on base in the top of the final inning,

but they were unable to drive them in.

"In game two Zane Tobin pitched well. Zane gave up only one earned run and showed that he can compete with strong teams," Coach Krabill said. "This is a great test for us. We were down three starters and saw some of the top pitching in northern Michigan."

The Vikings (1-3 overall, 0-0 league) will host the Roscommon Bucks at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10.

"Being 1-3 is new to us, but we are more concerned with how we end the season. Roscommon will be another good test for us; they are a fast team and it will be nice to get towards playing at full strength," Coach Krabill said.



Justice Junttila leads off at first base at Ogemaw on Tuesday.

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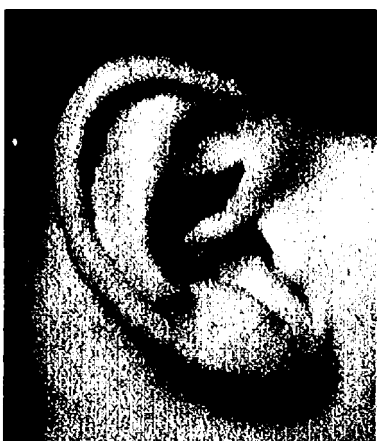
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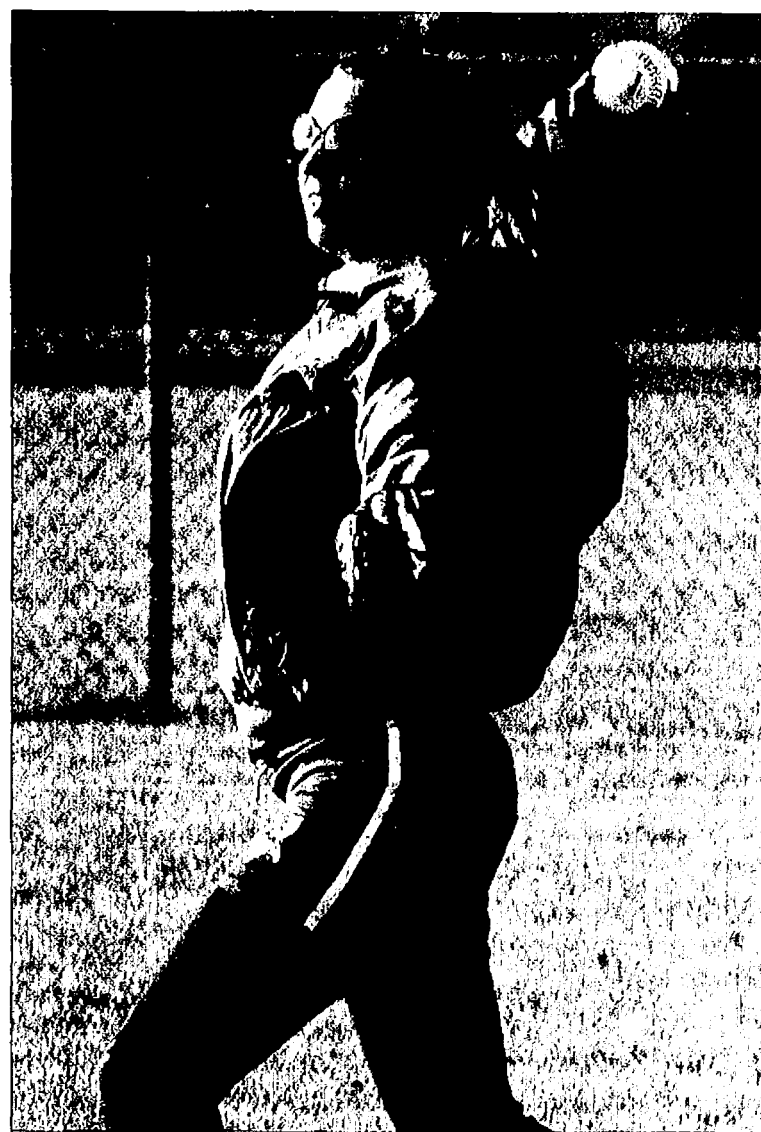
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Madi Junttila leaves the batter's box and heads toward first base.



Rightfielder Josey Hinkle throws the ball in during the Ogemaw series.

Vikings fall to Falcons in second softball series of the season

The GHS varsity softball team lost 11-0, 13-3 in a doubleheader - Grayling's second series of the 2012 season - at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Tuesday night.

In game one, the Falcons scored three runs in the bottom of the third inning. Ogemaw scored eight runs in the bottom of the fourth. Grayling had only one hit in the contest.

Caitlin Prosser was 1 for 1 with two walks for the Vikings.

In game two, Grayling led 3-0 after two-and-a-half innings. The Vikings got two runs in the first inning with a home run by Meagan

Malm. Ogemaw scored one run in the bottom of the third.

The Falcons had a one run lead after scoring three times in the fourth inning. Ogemaw scored nine runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to end the game.

Leading hitters for Grayling: Malm, 2 for 3 (home run, double), three RBIs, one run scored; Madi Junttila, 1 for 2 (double), one walk, one run scored; Josey Hinkle, 1 for 2; Lindsey Johnson, 1 for 3, one run scored.

Grayling (1-3 overall, 0-0 league) will host Roscommon at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10.



Marilyn Jankowski runs to first base for Grayling on Tuesday.



Meagan Malm, above, hits the ball for the Vikings. Lindsey Johnson, below, leads off at second base at Ogemaw.



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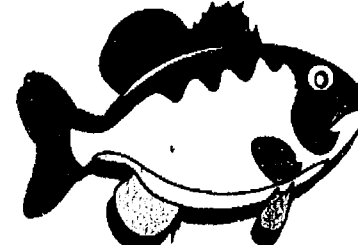
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Youth hunting may boost state's economy

by Jennifer Chen
Capital News Service

LANSING — More turkey hunting licenses will be issued this year to lure young people outdoors, a step which may help improve the state's economy said Rodney Stokes, director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

A new \$7.50 mentored youth hunting license package started on March 1, according to the DNR. The spring turkey season which runs from April 25 to May 13.

"It is a good way to teach children about the importance of conserving the state's unmatched natural resources and ensure the hunting tradition continues to thrive," Stokes said.

The new mentoring program will eliminate the minimum hunting age and let parents decide if and when their child is ready to hunt. The change is geared toward parents and other adult mentors who want to teach children younger than 10 how to hunt, trap and fish, according to the DNR.

"We hope our children can go outside and enjoy the amazing nature of Michigan rather than just sit on the couch and play with the computer. Hunting is the best way to achieve it," Stokes said.

Nationally, nearly 2.8 million turkey hunting licenses are sold every year, according to Brent Lawrence, public relations and web director at the National Wild Turkey Federation in Edgefield, S.C.

"Wild turkey numbers remain strong nationwide, with an estimated population of 7 million turkeys across North America," Lawrence said. "Michigan is home to some of the best turkey hunting in the upper Midwest, with huntable populations in most counties including the Upper Peninsula."

New youth licensing procedures coincide with a newly passed bill, sponsored by Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart, requiring a specific license to hunt turkey. The fee would be \$15 per resident and \$69 for

a non-resident.

The bill is a promise to turkey hunters that if they are willing to purchase a special license, the proceeds would be used to manage wild turkeys across their entire range, according to the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association.

The other sponsors are Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart, Sen. Mike Green, R-Mayville, Sen. John Proos, R-Lansing, Sen. Jim Marleau, R-Lake Orion and Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

The bill is awaiting action by Gov. Rick Snyder.

And regardless of age, the DNR strongly suggests parents have their children attend a hunting safety course.

"Our department provides various hunting safety education programs and people can find related courses online," Stokes said.

According to a report from the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation in Washington, hunting generates nearly \$25 billion a

year in federal, state and local revenue. Also, there are more than 19,500 jobs supported by hunting in Michigan alone.

Federal excise taxes and state license revenue have helped bring back dozens of species, including wild turkeys, the foundation said. Fewer than 100,000 wild turkeys remained in the nation in 1900, but now there are more than 7 million.

Jim Maturen, president of the Pere Marquette chapter of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association, said turkey hunting is a boon for the state's businesses, especially in the spring season.

"Having more turkey hunters will definitely support local business because they need equipment," Maturen said.

Also, turkey hunting will boost tourism and help children better understand the environment, he said.

More information about youth licenses can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

Three Grayling shooters competed in the 2012 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship's state level contest at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart on March 18, placing 2nd, 3rd, and 5th.

At the same time, shooters from the

Upper Peninsula were competing for the state title during a contest at Marquette.

Alaina Moffit (9-year-old girls division) made 14 of 25 free throws, the best score of the Lower Peninsula competitors, but second to an Upper

Peninsula shooter (15 of 25).

Justin Nicholas (12-year-old boys division) took fifth after making 16 of 25 shots.

Jake Hinkle (14-year-old boys division) made 20 of 25 shots, finishing in a tie for third place.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West along the Section line 1280.32 feet, thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 849.54 feet along the Northerly line of the recorded Plat of Roy-L Estates as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records to the place of beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West, 233.45 feet; thence North 00 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds West 284.92 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds East 233.52 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East 284.93 feet (recorded as South 00

degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 285.00 feet) to the place of beginning.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James M. Gilliam, married and Raylene E. Gilliam, original mortgagor(s), to Community Mortgage Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2001, and recorded on December 18, 2001 in Liber 563 on Page 529, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Nine and 60/100 Dollars (\$67,529.60).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public ven-

due, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section 19, running thence South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 2318.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 0 degrees 06 minutes 15 seconds East along section line, 331.23 feet to the East 1/4 corner; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West along East-West 1/4 line, 1318.1 feet to the 1/8 corner; thence North 0 degrees 07 minutes West along 1/8 line, 332.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds East, 1318.18 feet to the point of beginning, Crawford County Records

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Dated: April 5, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew O. Edwards and Tarina M. Edwards, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants,

original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 22, 2006, and recorded on July 5, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 226, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Sixty-Three and 14/100 Dollars (\$48,063.14).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 referred to as the Southeast corner of State Highway 18 running thence South on the 1/8 line, 16 Rods; thence East parallel with North line of tract, 20 Rods to the point of beginning; thence continuing East 370.7 feet to right-of-way, State Highway No. 76; thence Southeast along highway line 150 feet to a point 374 feet South of the North line of said tract thence West parallel with said North line 474.4 feet; thence North 110 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

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Dated: April 5, 2012
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew S. Woolsey, single man and Everett Woolsey, a married man, by Andrew Woolsey, as power of attorney, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 11, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 322, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 45/100 Dollars (\$64,738.45).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Janice Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 35 Grayling Manor, Township of Grayling, Crawford County MI according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10 Crawford County Records.

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Dated: March 29, 2012
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unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 22, 2012 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #324525F02 (03-22)(04-12)

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremy W Akin and Jessica L Akin, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Polaris Home Funding Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2008, and recorded on August 1, 2008 in Liber 692 on Page 562, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One and 85/100 Dollars (\$143,881.85).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 8, Livingston Acres, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 56, Crawford County Records

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Dated: April 5, 2012
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located in Crawford County, Michigan and are described as: PARCEL D: PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 11, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 22 MINUTES EAST (ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE) 1314.20 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE NORTH 1/8 LINE) 1284.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE) 658.40 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 332 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 1091.58 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST 60 FEET TO THE RIGHT BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 128.94 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID RIVER BANK) 117.28 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST 955.67 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 171.74 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 GMAC.008200 (04-05)(04-26)

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redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: 3/15/2012 Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Green Tree Servicing LLC 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48064 248-362-2600 GTNC.RobinsonEd (03-15)(04-05) -15-22-29-5

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IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT IN VIOLATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR THE DISCHARGE INJUNCTION. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE DISREGARD ANY PART OF THIS COMMUNICATION WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING. OTHERWISE, FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES US TO ADVISE YOU THAT COMMUNICATION FROM OUR OFFICE COULD BE INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE NOW ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY OR HAVE BEEN IN THE PRIOR NINE MONTHS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AS YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE BENEFITS OF THE SERVICEMEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Lippard, a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 20, 2008 and recorded September 8, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 965, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Seven and 87/100 Dollars (\$57,127.87) including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 2, 2012. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan Lot 17, Au Sable Terrace, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 2 of Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the

redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 29, 2012
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 682.2437
(03-29)(04-19)

-29-5-12-19

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 12-8008-DE
Estate of Mary Jane Miller Myers Henry. Date of birth: June 2, 1933.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Jane Miller Myers Henry, died Dec. 24, 1997. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robin R. Jones, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W.

Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Michigan Ave., Grayling and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 2-14-2012

Personal representative
Robin R. Jones
204 Alger St.
Grayling, MI 49738
989-390-7677

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

FILE NO. 12-8030-GM & 12-8031-GM

In the matter of MAGNUS R MERITHEW and DANIEL L. MERITHEW, minors

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at Crawford County Probate Court before Judge Monte J. Burmeister P48732 for the follow purpose:

RE: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor

Date 3/28/12

Attorney name
Christine M Brzezinski P35405.
2384 S I-75 Business Loop, Ste. D
Grayling, MI 49738
989/348-7777

Petitioner name
Amy S Brun
6364 Old 27 North
Frederic MI 49733

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NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will hold a public informational session as part of its regular Board Meeting on April 26th, 2012. The information session will begin at 9:00 am. The purpose of this informational session will be to discuss the new consoles that the county is purchasing, the bids that have been received and how this new equipment will benefit Crawford County Emergency Dispatch. A grant is being sought from USDA – Rural Development to assist in the financing of this new equipment. Crawford County is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE

ELMWOOD CEMETERY

Lawn maintenance for Spring Clean-Up of the Elmwood Cemetery shall be starting. Please remove winter decorations by April 9, 2012 to ensure they will not be disposed of. Spring and summer decorations may be placed after May 5, 2012. The City would like to thank all residents for their understanding and cooperation during this Spring Clean-up process. Please contact the Cemetery Director with question or concerns in regards to this announcement.

Zachary Weaver
Elmwood Cemetery Director

GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

The Grayling Charter Township Board will hold a PUBLIC HEARING ON Wednesday, April 18, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Charter Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 HWY), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding Proposed Ordinance 2012-01. A summary of the proposal follows: An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of Grayling Charter Township located in Crawford County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

Grayling Charter township (proposes to) ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended the BUILDING OFFICIAL of Grayling Charter Township is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of Grayling Charter Township under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. Grayling Charter Township assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act throughout the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within Grayling Charter Township.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled Crawford County, Michigan (all jurisdictions) dated April 17, 2012 and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) panel numbers 28039C; 0050A, 0075A, 0100A, 0150A, 0165A, 0175A, 0190A, 0195A, 0205A, 0215A, 0275A, 0300A, 0325A, 0350A, dated April 17, 2012 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

A copy of the proposed ordinance and the FEMA flood plain maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Charter Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 HWY), P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI., during regular business hours. Phone (989)348-4361.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Charter Township Clerk

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



April 6, 1989 - The top Pinewood Derby finishers were Nicholas Lovely, Erin Peterson, Justin Davis, Matt Adkinson, Jerry Roman, Jerry Drouillard, Josh Schoen, Steve Anderson, Roger Roman, Ken Louchart and Tom Lamie.

23 Years Ago April 6, 1989

The City of Grayling has received a grant for nearly \$2.5 million from the Environmental Protection Agency for the expansion of its sewer system.

Winning the Milltown Pool League this year was the Red Barn team of Tim, Big Mo, Hambone, Dee, Mr. Shively, Corky and Jack.

Loren Goodale accepted a plaque from Assistant Cub Scout Master Lynn Johnson. He was awarded the plaque for all of his contributions in helping Cub Scout Pack No. 3993 of Grayling.

Camp Grayling will be the site of a Bald Eagle

research in a cooperative project by the Michigan National Guard, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Michigan Department of Military Affairs has announced approval of an \$18,000 federal grant funding study of a pair of American Bald Eagles nesting on the National Guard's northern Michigan training facility. The pair of eagles to be studied has been nesting just outside Camp Grayling's borders for many years has been termed by Michigan's DNR, to be one of the most successful breeding pairs in the state.

46 Years Ago April 7, 1966

On Tuesday, March 29, Grayling High School retained its District Forensic Championship by winning seven of the 8 contests, as well as three 2nd places, and two 3rd places.

Glen's Market has on sale this week Borden's fresh rich whipping cream a 1/2 pint for 19¢, Clorox bleach is 59¢ a gallon, One-A-Day multiple vitamins 69¢ and french vanilla ice cream is 69¢ for a half gallon.

A motorcycle club is being organized in Grayling by adults who enjoy the sport themselves, with the goal of giving cyclists greater opportunity for use of their vehicles than aimlessly cruising the downtown streets. Those backing the organization are Richard Ames, Dale Kenyon, Jan Thayer and Gary Parkinson.

On Saturday, April 2, Grayling High School won second place in the Regional Forensic Tournament held at the North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. Twelve schools competed. Vicki Wells, a junior at Grayling High School won first place in the Original Oratory contest with a score of 98 percent.

69 Years Ago

April 8, 1943

A grass fire that got out of control and began running up the side of the Carl Larson residence on Tuesday afternoon called out the city fire department. The damage was reported as slight.

A Red Cross meeting was held April 3 at Mrs. A.D. Leng's in Frederic. Mrs. Maude Shorts was the hostess. Finishing some of the afghans and giving out sewing. There were 20 ladies there, it being the 8th birthday of the youngest knitter little Virginia Kaiser. It was in the form of a birthday party too, with birthday cake.

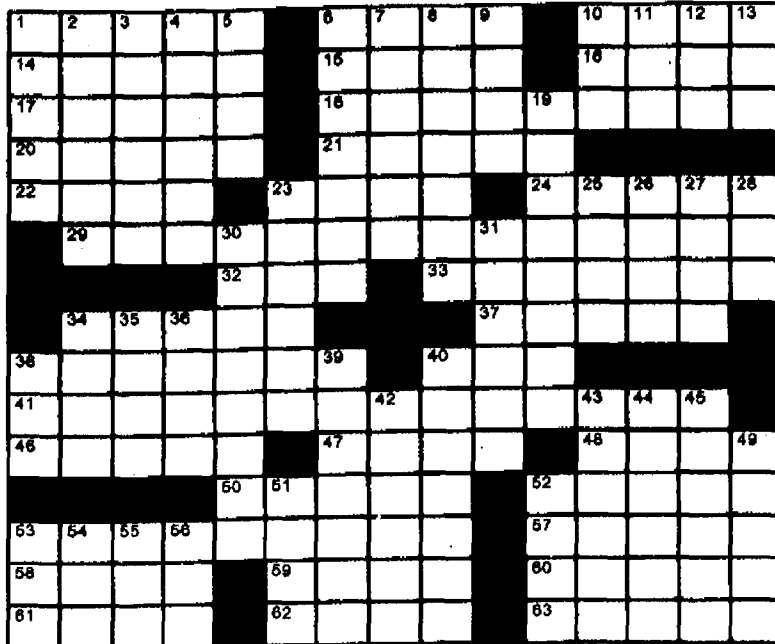
92 Years Ago April 8, 1920

President George Olson of the new village council made the following announcements for the following year: Marshal M. Brenner - Street Commissioner; Julius Nelson - Fire Chief and Warden and William Duclos.

Miss Inger Hanson is home from Ashland College at Grant for spring vacation.

Leo Schram is the new ticket agent in the M.C.R.R. office to succeed Bernadette Tetu.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Investment
6. E.P.A. concern
10. Aquatic plant
14. Golden Horde member
15. Marry a woman
16. Go through
17. Sinuses
18. Small alpine flowering plant
20. Leaves hastily
21. Back (pl.)
22. "My ___"
23. Knack
24. Search for water
29. Very dark chocolate baked good (3 wd)
32. "Go team!"
33. Heroic champion
34. Sprite flavor
37. Change, as a clock
38. Woo
40. "Dear" one
41. Husbands of sovereign queens (2 wd)
46. Nickel, e.g.
47. Wallop
48. Indian bread
50. Saved on supper, perhaps
52. Antipasto morsel
53. Widened
57. Sits tight
58. Column crossers
59. Bad marks
60. Dead to the world
62. Abbr. after many a general's name
63. Graceful fliers

Down

1. Hiding place
2. Blotto
3. Clothing
4. Russian chess master
5. "-zoic" things
6. ___ Fish, chewy candy
7. Fielding position in cricket (2 wd)
8. Surpass
9. Hair goops
10. "___ we having fun yet?"
11. "Fantasy Island" prop
12. Neon, e.g.
13. Infomercials, e.g.
19. Walkers with a swaying gait
23. Peek
25. Wood sorrels
26. 1973 Supreme Court decision name
27. "Laugh-In" segment
28. Dusk, to Donne
30. Rigid
31. Rowing
34. Knowledge gained through tradition
35. Give off, as light
36. Supernatural force in a sacred object
38. Engine speed, for short
39. Core
40. Dove swiftly downward, whale
42. Patron
43. Wired
44. Marauder
45. Alchouse
49. Crows' homes
51. Binge
52. Final notice
53. "My man!"
54. Brouhaha
55. Control
56. Balaam's mount

HOROSCOPES

Week of April 1, 2012

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19
Don't be fooled. Capricorn Attendance is optional. If you can fit it into your schedule, go. If not, don't. A young friend makes an unusual proposal.

ARIES
March 21-April 19
Concerns grow over a relative's situation. The answer is clear, but no amount of prodding will turn that resolution into reality, so save your energy for more important things, Aries.

CANCER
June 22-July 22
Been there, done that. Cancer. Look for a different avenue. Making time for an old friend proves beneficial. You raise their spirits and they let you in on a secret.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22
A home improvement project begins, and things quickly escalate out of control. Scale back your plans, Libra, and you might just have the funds for a pro.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18
Courage waning. Aquarius? Look to a mentor to get you back on track. A health crisis eases with a new mode of treatment. Celebrate with friends.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Temper flare. Be careful what you say, Taurus. You don't want to add fuel to the fire with so many looking on. A surprise gift gets the weekend off right.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21
Feeling adventurous. Pisces? Good. You're about to be whisked away on the trip of a lifetime. The key to a financial dilemma lies with an acquaintance.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22
Passing the buck is not the answer, Virgo. Step up to the plate, and with the right preparation, you'll hit one out of the park for sure. Batter up!

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21
Way to go, Scorpio. You wrap up a project just in time for a new one, which you tackle with finesse. Praise comes from all around. A promotion could be in order.

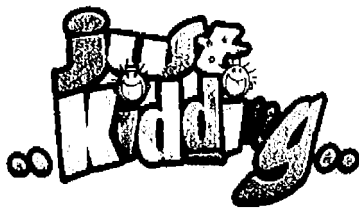
SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21
Snap out of it, Sagittarius. Sure, there are wrinkles due to your inexperience, but everything will be smoothed out in the end. A deadline is met.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

LEMON-BLUEBERRY CRUMB BARS

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter
1 pkg. (2-layer size) yellow cake mix
2 eggs, divided
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) Cream Cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. zest and 3 Tbsp. juice from 1 lemon
2-1/2 cups fresh blueberries

Directions:

HEAT oven to 350°F.
LINE 13x9-inch pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides. Microwave butter in large microwaveable bowl on HIGH 1 to 1-1/2 min. or until melted. Add cake mix and 1 egg; beat with mixer until well blended. Press 2/3 of the mixture onto bottom of prepared pan.

BEAT cream cheese and sugar with mixer until well blended. Add remaining egg, zest and juice; mix well. Pour over crust; top with berries. Pinch small pieces of the remaining cake mix mixture between your fingers; press lightly into cream cheese layer.

BAKE 55 min. to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely. Use foil handles to lift dessert from pan before cutting into bars. Keep refrigerated.

Prep Time: 20 min
Total Time: 1 hr 20 min
Makes: 24 servings

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LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09/tf/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc., weddings. 989-915-9099. (-5/4)

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3. Employment

4 Services Offered

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3. Employment

4 Services Offered

APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts, 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-5-19-3-17--31-14-28/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08/tf/4)

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3. Employment

4 Services Offered

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4. Services Offered

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5 For Sale

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EMPTY 55 GALLON BARRELS for sale - \$25 - Fick & Sons - 113 Fig St - 348-7647. (-4/5/12/tf/5)

8. Announcements

5 For Sale

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8 Announcements

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B. Suppliers Pit

Corrugated Plastic Pipe

Corrugated Metal Pipe

Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt

Asphalt Emulsions

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

John Hartman, Chairman
Jim Burch, Vice-Chairman
Scott McClain, Commissioner

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Roadway surfacing (various locations)

Bituminous Surface Mixture No.13A (non-recycled) and/or

Bituminous Surface Mixture No.13A (15% max. recycled) And

HMA Ultra-Thin (Medium)

Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining an approved mix design, which must be submitted and approved by the Crawford County Road Commission prior to commencement of work. Contractor shall be responsible for furnishing all recycled asphalt pavement for the entire bid quantity.

Completion date: All paving shall be completed by October 1st, 2012.
Or as required to meet specific project schedules.

Crawford County Road Commission will provide flag personnel and traffic control devices during construction. All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Material test reports and weight tickets shall be provided in English units. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Bidding documents are available upon request.

Contractor shall provide Certificate of Insurance prior to commencing work. Certificates shall include:

1) Board of County Road Commission **AND** the Crawford County Road Commission named as additional insured to all coverage, 2) Bodily Injury Liability - each person - \$500,000.00 each occurrence, 3) Bodily Injury Liability - each accident - \$1,000,000.00, 4) Property Damage Liability - each accident - \$1,000,000.00, 5) Single Limit Policy - \$1,000,000.00 and 6) Worker's compensation - statutory limits.

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Submit bids in a sealed in an envelope that is and clearly marked with the words: "Paving Bids".

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8. Announcements

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If you have any questions please call Trees Inc, Kentwood MI (616)940-2916.

8. Announcements

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738, for furnishing the following:

BITUMINOUS BASE CRUSHING

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as **Bituminous Base Crushing**.

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Gravel to be made to Crawford County Road Commission specifications. Contractors will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following locations on or before July 1, 2012:

20,000 ton: within proximity of T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township or T26N, R3W, Grayling Township.

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In observance of Good Friday, April 6th, the Crawford County Avalanche business office will be closed between the hours of noon and 3 p.m. Deadlines for news and advertising for the April 12th newspaper are unchanged.

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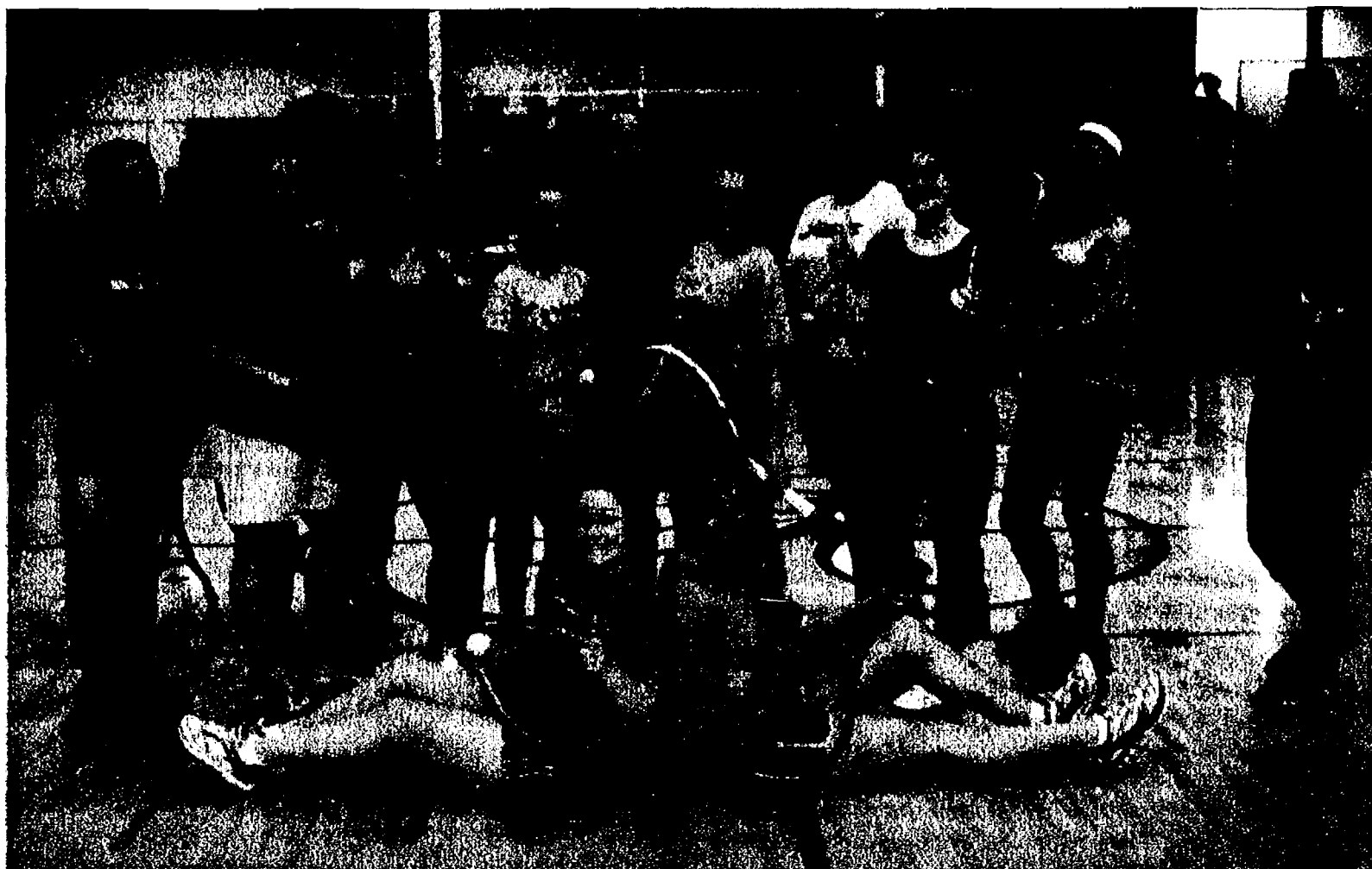
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Crawford County Avalanche Sports

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The GHS varsity tennis team practiced indoors at the Grayling Middle School before getting outside. The squad's first meet is slated for April 10.

New tennis coach expects team to be strong this year

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The GHS varsity girls tennis team has several players back from last year, including all three of its top singles players, and the squad's new coach, Mark Sloan, an assistant from last year's team, expects the program to have a successful 2012 season.

"We're a good, strong team," Coach Sloan said. "We're competitive in the

conference."

The squad's overall numbers are solid with 19 players. It takes 12 girls to field a full group for a meet (four singles, eight doubles).

The team practiced indoors at Grayling Middle School during the first week of the preseason (March 12-16). Coach Sloan said the team's initial sessions have gone well.

"Great attitudes. They all love to play tennis," Coach

Sloan said. "We're working more on techniques and strategy. I'm really happy about the quality of the players."

In addition to having its #1, #2, and #3 singles players back from last year's team, the Vikings also have several doubles players returning, Coach Sloan said.

"We're excited for the season," said Dani Dami, one of the squad's returning singles players. "We have a

good team."

"Can't wait to get out onto the courts," said Rachel Jensen, another one of the team's singles players.

The Vikings will open their 2012 season with a meet at Charlevoix on Tuesday, April 10. On Thursday, April 12, Grayling will play in the first of its six scheduled home meets at 4:30 p.m. vs. Alpena.

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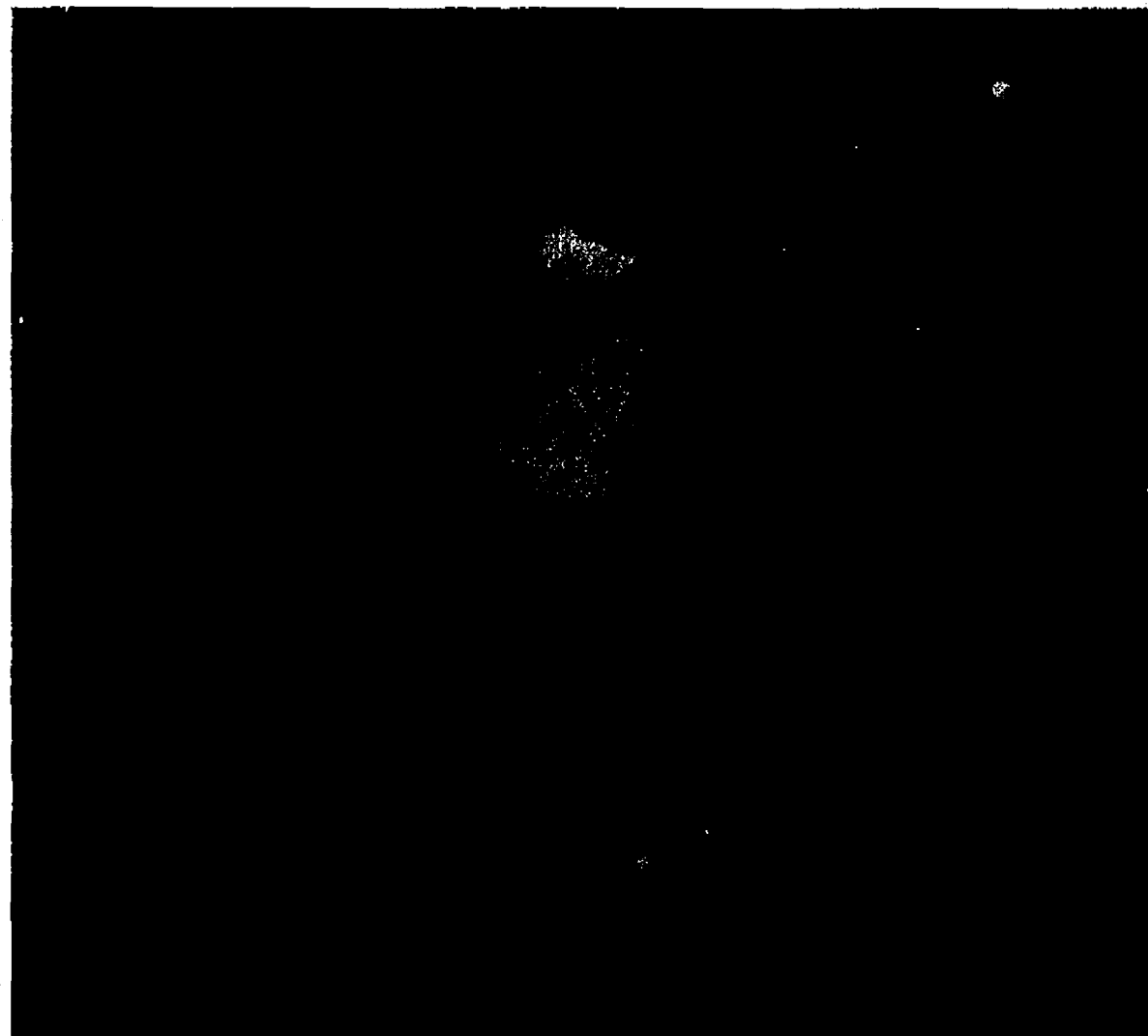
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Myrissa Kuhn hits the ball during a practice drill inside the Grayling Middle School gym.



Lille Carr hits the ball during a recent practice.